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NOTIFICATION No. 3 of 1939

The offices of His Majesty's Consulate-General will be closed on Wednesday, March 29, 1939, being a Customs holiday.

HERBERT PHILLIPS,
Consul-General.

Shanghai, March 22, 1939. 11712

MUNICIPALITE FRANCAISE

AVIS

Délimitation de deux ilots de maisons à compartiments dans la zône de résidence (Zône A)
et création de deux nouvelles zônes (Zône B et Zône C)

Un projet d'Ordonnance Consulaire concernant deux ilots de maisons à compartiments existant dans la zône de résidence (Zône A) et un projet d'Ordonnance Consulaire créant deux nouvelles zônes (Zônes B et C) dans la Concession sont publiés avec les plans y afférents au Bulletin Municipal No 921 paru le 27 Mars 1939.

Les propriétaires devront adresser leurs observations à l'Administration Municipale 375 Avenue Joffre par écrit dans un délai de 15 jours à compter de la date de la publication ci-dessus mentionnée.

L. DES COURTILS,
Le Directeur Administratif des Services Municipaux.
11730

MASONIC CHARITY FUND OF NORTHERN CHINA

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to this Fund will be held at the Masonic Hall, 1623, Avenue Road, TODAY, March 28, 1939, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Council for the year ended January 31, 1939.

Master Masons of all Constitutions, whether subscribers or not, are invited to attend. 11638

THE SHANGHAI WATERWORKS COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated in England)

"A" SHARES COUPON No. 50
"B" SHARES COUPON No. 23
"C" SHARES COUPON No. 19

Holders of "A" share warrants to bearer are hereby notified that subject to confirmation by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 30, 1939, Coupon No. 50 representing the final dividend on Intra-Agreement Consumers' Account of 5 per cent. and the dividend on Extra-Agreement and Shipping Consumers' Account of 3/- per share for the year 1938 will be payable on and after March 31, 1939, at the office of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai, in Chinese Standard Dollars at its buying rate for demand drafts on London on the day of presentation of the coupon.

Holders of "B" share warrants to bearer are hereby notified that subject to confirmation by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 30, 1939, Coupon No. 23 representing the final dividend on Intra-Agreement Consumers' Account of 5 per cent. and the dividend on Extra-Agreement and Shipping Consumers' Account of 1.8d. per share for the year 1938 will be payable on and after March 31, 1939, at the office of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai, in Chinese Standard Dollars at its buying rate for demand drafts on London on the day of presentation of the coupon.

Holders of "C" share warrants to bearer are hereby notified that subject to confirmation by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 30, 1939, Coupon No. 19 representing the final dividend on Intra-Agreement Consumers' Account of 5 per cent. will be payable on and after March 31, 1939, at the office of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai, in Chinese Standard Dollars at its buying rate for demand drafts on London on the day of presentation of the coupon.

Coupons must be listed upon the Company's forms which may be had on application at the above mentioned Bank and must be left two clear days previous to payment between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays excepted.

By Order of the Directors,
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Shanghai, March 27, 1939. 11718

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28 S'hai. Badminton Assn., Championship Finals, Country Club, 5.30
28 B.U.S.C., Literary: 'Hebrew Poetry' by Rev. Brown, 4B Medhurst Apts., 5.30
28 A.W.C. bridge and mahjongg, 3
28 Shanghai-Nanking Railway opened (1908)
28 Nanking Reformed Government established (1938)

Coming Events

MARCH

29 K.D.S. Ann. mtg. at 158 Edinburgh Rd., Tea 4.30, Business 5.30
29 Union Ch. ann. mtg. and supper, 7.30
29 Ex-Gunners' Dinner, Cockpit
30 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
30 Ann. mtg. of Shanghai Auxiliary, of Brit., Foreign, Amer. Bible Societies, Un. Ch. Hall. Tea 5, meeting 5.45
30 For. Y. Debate: 'Machine Enslaves Mankind,' 9
30 'Carmen,' Grand Opera, Lyceum, 9
30 Indian Merchants Association meeting
31 S'hai R.U.F.C. Dance, Country Club.
31 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture. 330 Szechuen Road, 9

APRIL

1 Russ. Women's League, Handwork Sale
1 21st Anniv. Formation R.A.F. and R.A.F.A. Reunion. Dinner, 'The Dome'
1 Oxford & Cambridge Society Dinner
1 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
1 'Carmen,' Grand Opera, Lyceum, 9
2 Russ. Women's League, Handwork Sale
2 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
2 'Carmen,' Grand Opera, Lyceum, 9
2 Brith Trumpeldor Dance, A.W.C., 9
4 A.W.C. Library Tiffin, 12.30
5 Cathedral School Old Boys' Assn. Annual Dinner, Air Defence Club
6 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
6 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
6 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
6 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture, 5.30
6 Reel Club Dance, Race Club, 9
6 S. M. Orchestra, 1st Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 9.15
8 B.W.A. Easter Party, 4.15
8 S.M. Orchestra, 2nd Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 3
8 Ladies' Interport Hockey. Hongkong vs. Shanghai, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
9 Ladies' Interport Hockey. Hongkong vs. The Rest, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
10 Ladies' Interport Hockey, Hongkong vs. The Greens, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
11 Cathedral Boys' School Gymkhana, Ascot Riding School, 2.30
11 A.W.C. Literary Dept. meeting, 4.45
11 Interport Dance, Race Club, 9.30
12 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
12 Piano-Recital by Hans Baer, A.W.C.
13 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
14 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum
15 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum
17 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, Y.M.C.A., 3
18 A.W.C. Musical Prog. Dupont, 4.45
18 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
19 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
20 Concert, Community Church, 9
20 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
21 'St. George's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
22 'St. George's Children's Party, Country Club, 4
22 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
25 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
27 K.D.S. Bridge/Mahjongg Tea, Race Club, entrance Mohawk Road, 3

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March 27, 1939. 11717

THE SHANGHAI ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in England)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting of THE SHANGHAI ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 185 Soochow Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday the Twenty-fifth day of April, 1939, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes following, namely:—

(1) To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
(2) To declare a Dividend.
(3) To elect Directors.
(4) To appoint Auditors.
(5) To transact any other business of an Ordinary General Meeting.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from April 10, to April 25, 1939, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. POLLOCK,
Secretary.

185 Soochow Road,
Shanghai, March 25, 1939.

NOTE:—A holder of a Share Warrant to Bearer desiring to attend and vote at the meeting must deposit the Share Warrant together with a statement in writing of his name and address at the Head Office of the Company in Shanghai or at the Registered Office of the Company, Basildon House, Moorgate, London, E.C.2, two clear days at least before the day appointed for the meeting or adjourned meeting.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 23 to March 28, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Shanghai, March 9, 1939. 11935

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Shanghai, March 27, 1939. 11711

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Western Area: Condition of the Roads

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As one who lives in the Western Area, I beg heartily to endorse the remarks in your leader, but I do feel that one point requires infinitely more attention than it appears to have received.

The Municipal Council exercises jurisdiction over the roads in the Western (Extra-Settlement) Area; the sole return the ratepayers get for the rates they have to pay is in the shape of police and upkeep of roads. For the former, we are indeed grateful; they are entitled to the lion's share of our rates, for their courage and the resourcefulness with which they face unique difficulties. But what of the upkeep of the roads, for which also we pay rates?

Great Western Road, despite innumerable little patchings-up, has a surface which would not be tolerated by any Council at home—still less by the rate-payers. Keswick Road and Rockhill Avenue (to take examples) are either seas of mud or unbearably dusty. I speak from personal knowledge—I walk along them nearly every day, whatever the weather; in a pretty wide experience of rural England, never have I met with such surfaces as these; and it must be realized that there is very considerable traffic on all roads inside the Defence Area—infinitely more than one gets on the average country road in England. And our roads here are surely considered as urban, not rural, roads; but in what "built up" areas in Europe would one find such surfaces?

Since the traffic is now so considerable, the numerous pedestrians should most certainly be taught to walk on the pavements. I see there is to be a "Safety First" Week soon may I ask how on earth there can be safety for pedestrians, not only when there is no apparent speed limit for motor vehicles (including huge lorries) but not even, in most places, any pavement at all?

Even really busy roads such as Columbia and Great Western (from Edinburgh Road) lack such very normal necessities. Generally speaking, there are muddy (or dusty) spaces on one side; spaces very often blocked, with bicycles, donkeys, heaps of earth or cinders, and now, too, with barbed-wire. Although no small part of the roads themselves has no pretence of being "made up," yet ponies are often encountered on the foot-path even where there is an apology for one.

In view of the fact that Columbia Road and Great Western Road are extremely busy ones, there certainly should be, on both sides of them, properly made-up footpaths, which should never be allowed to be blocked up by shop-keepers, P.W.D., or anyone else; nor should they be crossed by deep ditches. Keswick Road and Rockhill Avenue should have at least one real foot-path; they now have none at all, in spite of considerable, and speedy, traffic.

It is painfully obvious that our money is of value, but our welfare is not; truly, it is not surprising if there is no little dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs; in fact, I am beginning to sympathize with those whom I have heard remarking that the Settlement would be far better managed if..... (but perhaps I had better stop!).

QUINTUS.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Lost Opportunity

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your excellent leader of last Saturday was very interesting, and whilst it is true that our thanks are due to the members of the Council for the time and work devoted to our interests, I take issue with you when you state that the unfortunate situation with regard to the Western District outside the Settlement boundaries "just happened." It is all the more unfortunate because it need not and should not have happened if the Council had acted with the promptitude and decision which was displayed in 1929. The history of Shanghai is a long list of missed opportunities, to which this must now be added.

The attitude of the Consular Body with regard to the Outside Roads has always been that, as these areas are not covered by the Land Regulations, any negotiations with regard thereto must be direct as between the Council and the Chinese authorities. Up till 1929 the latter could not be induced to negotiate. In that year Chinese soldiers with machine guns were sent to prevent the erection of the defense gate at Woosung Road and also to prevent the re-metalling of the Hungjao Road. On both occasions the Council responded by sending out the armoured cars, and the matter was settled without the intervention of the Consular Body. The latter, being faced with a *fait accompli*, supported the Council, and as a result of this firm attitude the Chinese commenced negotiations for settlement of the "Outside Roads" question. These negotiations were brought to a successful issue in 1936, but could not be completed as the Japanese authorities demanded that the "enclaves" in which are situated the present "badlands" should be included in the area covered by that agreement.

When the City Government withdrew in October 1937, why did not the Council take possession of the area which was and is within the British perimeter as did the French with regard to their section of the area? It could have been stated to be a temporary measure undertaken for reasons of health and security; a separate budget for the area could have been established in accordance with the terms of the existing draft agreement for the Outside Roads, and the Japanese authorities could have been informed that the Council was at last in a position to comply with the Japanese wish that the control of these "enclaves" be taken over by the S.M.C. The Consular authorities being confronted with a *fait accompli* would no doubt have supported the Council, and there was nobody in a position to raise real opposition. The City Government did not exist, the Japanese at that time were trying to win over the British community to a more friendly attitude, and this was the situation as it existed for many months. Instead of taking prompt action nothing was done for nearly a year when at last an attempt was made first to obtain diplomatic support, although similar attempts in the past have always been doomed to failure and for very obvious reasons.

Now it is too late. Nature abhors a vacuum. A new City Government, which, by the way, is not recognized by a majority of the Powers, has filled the void and the Japanese military attitude has hardened. The more factories that are erected in the area the greater will be the revenue for that Government, and the more gambling and opium dens that are established the more money will flow into its coffers and those of its friends and supporters. It would therefore appear extremely unlikely that any measures undertaken at this date by the S.M.C. are likely to lead to a material improvement. The fact must be faced that as a residential area the area is doomed.

WESTERN AREA.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

Gestapo Arrests: Freedom of Thought

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to three letters published in your paper under the above heading by a GERMAN WITH OWN IDEAS, A NORWEGIAN and A SCANDINAVIAN, both NORWEGIAN and SCANDINAVIAN seem to doubt that a German can possibly have his own ideas about anything—surely that is no compliment to any German, and will be resented by even the most loyal of Nazis.

It is apparent that GERMAN WITH HIS OWN IDEAS believes in liberty of thought and the evolution of mankind, that being so he must believe that the State was made for man and not man for the State, and, therefore, whatever form of Government a country has should be elected by the majority of the people of that country. Because there is a minority or opposition to that elected, it is no crime for that minority to work on constitutional lines to overthrow that form of Government. Our ancestors the world over have fought and died for liberty, and elected representative Governments, that is our inheritance and puts mankind above the animal kingdom.

If you stop evolution, only one thing can happen and that is revolution, world history no matter where you look proves that most conclusively. A million dictators cannot stop the evolution of mankind. I believe there are millions of Germans who have their own ideas and they in the long run without the slightest doubt will save their own country and civilization itself.

BERTIE.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

Honan Road Bridge: Amateur Toll Collectors

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—On the pretext of assisting to pull rickshaws up the incline of Honan Road Bridge, a small group of men have established themselves on the bridge and are in effect extracting a toll on rickshaw passengers. The men do not go to the foot of the incline and do any real hauling of the vehicle, but stand by the traffic light on the North side and make a grab at the shaft of any passing rickshaw they may select and hang on to it for a few yards, letting go when payment is made. That their services are not necessary is shown by the fact that they leave the vehicles to pass unaided when the passenger does not appear to be a good paying proposition and select Chinese women for preference, presumably as they seem a little afraid. I have seen women paying when the men have approached without any assistance being given, whilst on one occasion a woman was noticed to pay twice to two men holding on at each side the rickshaw. The men are more of an annoyance than a help and it is time that a stop was put to their unwelcome attentions.

A BELL.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

Ratepayers' Meeting Still Not in Coming Events

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In spite of letters written to your paper, the Municipal Council apparently refuses to advertise the Ratepayers' Meeting under your column of "Coming Events."

Implementing my offer of a few days ago, I now send you the money and hope that you will insert the advertisement.

The reason for this failure is difficult to find. It may be that the Council don't want a good attendance. The awkward time for which the meeting is called would support this view, or the Council is not disposed to receive suggestions from anyone outside their own body.

RATEPAYER.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

***It would be vastly improper to publish any announcement without the direct authorization of the party concerned. The $1 enclosed is consequently returned.—ED.

Attic Rooms: Is Construction Authorized?

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I do not know whether permission or any other license was granted to applicants to erect attic rooms or other structures within their houses without any official inspection made by the S.M.C. authorities concerned. The erection of attic rooms enables the landlord to let to more tenants for the purpose of making money, despite danger to health, and from fire, and infectious disease.

Why are unauthorized constructions allowed, especially on the house rear balcony? I hope that the authorities of the Council concerned will inspect such erections without any excuse, when application is submitted, in order to reduce the menace of fire, etc.

WESTERN INHABITANT.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

The Coronation: King's Declaration Wanted

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Whilst reading through the Form and Order of Service of the Coronation of His Majesty George VI in the Coronation Supplement of the "Daily Telegraph," I came across the following rubric in Section IV.—The Oath.

> The King having thus taken his Oath shall return again to his chair, and the Archbishop shall go to him and minister the Declaration prescribed by Act of Parliament, and his Majesty shall make, subscribe and audibly repeat the same. This done, the Archbishop shall return to the Altar and begin the Communion Service.

Since the Declaration prescribed by Act of Parliament was not recorded in the Order of Service. I should be truly grateful if you, or any of your readers, would supply me with the text, or else inform me where such information could be obtained.

CORONA.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

Anti-Spitting Campaign: A Question of Welch

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I agree with CYMRO BACH regarding the above mentioned campaign, nothing is impossible if we make up our minds to accomplish what we set out to do, when there is a will there is always a way.

I would tender the same advice to CYMRO BACH, if he perseveres he may one day be able to write and translate Welsh; what we say in Wales is "Dyfal done a dorro'r garreg," and it means "Constant knocking will break a stone."

"Garreg" means "a stone," the translation of "rock" is "craig." And Tyrffy is not Welsh at all, only used by South Walians because they don't know any better. Would you care for some lessons, CYMRO BACH?

BERTIE.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

King Anthony of England Divorced

Claims to be England's Ruler; Descendant of Henry VIII

A 40-year-old man who claims to be "King Anthony of England" and a descendant of Henry VIII, was divorced in the Divorce Court, states Ernest Jay in the "Daily Herald."

He was described as Mr. Anthony William Hall, ex-inspector of the Shropshire constabulary.

His wife, Mrs. Ethel Hall, of Oakley-street, Shrewsbury, was granted a decree nisi by Mr. Justice Langton on the ground of "constructive desertion." It was stated that Mr. Hall's conduct made her leave him in 1927 in Canada, where he had established a business after leaving the police.

A cross-petition for divorce by the husband was dismissed, and costs were awarded to Mrs. Hall, who was given custody of their 13-year-old daughter, the only child.

In his summing-up, the judge described Mr. Hall, who conducted his own case, as a "man of most tempestuous, undisciplined and erratic disposition."

"He appears," said the judge, "to be capable of the most generous and excellent impulses but he is completely reckless in his actions."

The judge said that Mr. Hall had made his wife's life in Canada unendurable, and she was perfectly justified in leaving him when she did.

"Cable £300"

The judge added that in 1927 Mr. Hall wrote his wife's father a letter which contained the statement: "£300 to be cabled within 14 days with the simple alternative that if the money does not arrive I will show up damned quick, heave the door off its hinges if it bars my way, and take my daughter out of your sight for ever."

After the case, Mr. Hall, who has published a pamphlet, "By King Anthony, A Manifesto," setting out his claims, said his "royal divorce" would not cause suspension of his active campaign to secure recognition.

"I hold a primitive view of marriage, and I do not believe in divorce," he said.

Dealing with his "claim," he referred me to his "Manifesto," which, he said, had been lodged with the College of Arms.

Wipe Out Debts

It states that he intends to wipe out all government, municipal and overseas debts, remove taxes on beer, whisky, tea, cocoa and entertainments, and abolish local rates.

"Pedestrians and pedal cycles shall have more protection on the King's highway, and the use of pedal cycles by our subjects shall be encouraged," the document concludes.

It is signed "Anthony, King of England, Ireland, Prince of Wales."

"I only need a few more documents to establish my claim," Mr. Hall said. "Already I have addressed 1,700 meetings and I intend to go on until 1940."

Mrs. Hall told me, "I'm glad it is all over and I am now free."

Japan Buys Most U.S. Scrap Iron

Netherlands Second in List of Buyers

Washington, Mar. 26.

Japan was the chief purchaser of American scrap iron and steel goods during the month of February, the Department of Commerce announced today.

Exports of iron and steel products to Japan totalled 18,149 tons while exports of scrap iron rose to 169,729 tons, or more than two-thirds the total U.S. scrap iron exports.

The Netherlands was second in the list or buyers, followed by Brazil.

Total exports of iron and steel articles were 134,777 tons, while total scrap iron exports were 224,913 tons. —Havas.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 30, 1869

Foreigners passing along the French road have often complained that boys perched upon the city wall amuse themselves by calling the passer-by by opprobrious names. And it seems they do not confine their abuse to foreigners. Yesterday a native woman passing along the East side of the city in a wheelbarrow, was thus saluted. When she and the wheelbarrow man remonstrated, they received a shower of pieces of bricks and tiles, one of which striking her upon the forehead, cut a deep gash, letting the blood flow freely. The proclamation lately issued about Yankweitze may check the annoyance to foreigners, and the authorities will, evidently, do well to issue proclamations or take other measures to repress the turbulence of these idlers, in regard to their own countrymen.

Three Plays: And the Authors' Names

To the Editor of the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—For the information of your correspondent THEATRE-GOER, the authors of the plays "George and Margaret," "The Women" and "Musical Chairs" are Gerald Savory, Clare Booth and Ronald Mackenzie respectively.

FIRST NIGHTER.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

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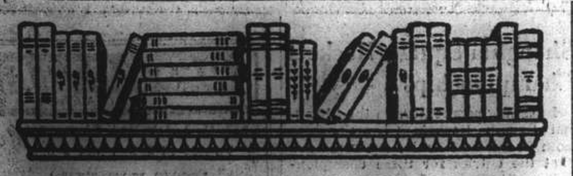

THE BOOK PAGE

"The Thunderer"

THE HISTORY OF "THE TIMES" 1841-1884: Tradition Established. Written and Published at the Office of "The Times." London. 15/-.

The most famous newspaper in the world is "The Times." It is known and admired everywhere and its views are quoted as being representative of the most serious elements in British thought. In many countries it is believed to be the organ of the government; but this is quite wrong, though "The Times" does see that the views of whatever government is in power are fully represented in its columns.

When "The Times" celebrated its 150th birthday in 1935 the occasion was marked by the publication of the first of three volumes in which will be told "The History of 'The Times.'" The first volume spanned the years from 1785, when John Walter brought out the paper under the name of "The London Daily Universal Register" (for which title "The Times" was substituted three years later),

"Our Special Correspondent" (William Howard Russell 1855)

to the year 1841; a period which saw the industrial era in England established and aristocratic rulership superseded by that of the middle class, and which therefore provided great opportunities for a paper priding itself on being the true mouthpiece of the people's opinion—"the people" being, in fact, the great middle class.

Unspared Rod

The nickname "The Thunderer" bestowed on "The Times" during that period indicates the measure of seriousness with which the paper took up the rôle of reformer. Royalty, peers and commoners alike felt the rod if "The Times" found them shirking their responsibilities. Those stirring times are dealt with in Volume I, whose sub-title is "The Thunderer in the Making"; times of adjustment within the country and strife abroad, times of plain speech which earned for the owner of "The Times" fines and imprisonments, but which never turned him from the path he had mapped out.

With the sub-title "The Tradition Established" the second volume of "The History of 'The Times'" has just appeared. It deals with the years 1841-1884, when, under the proprietorship of John Walter the Second and subsequently of John Walter the Third, and edited by John Delane, one of the most remarkable personalities in English journalism, "The Times" proceeded to establish a virtual monopoly in London. The best pens in the country contributed to its columns, willing to sink personal vanity and considerations of personal fame and submit to the proud anonymity which the paper demanded. Special efforts were made to put before the readers reliable news and authoritative views on foreign affairs, and with wars in Europe, war in America and war in

John Walter III in 184"

India there was no lack of opportunity to direct the reader's interest in foreign-political questions.

"Vile Tyranny"

The conduct of the wars in which England herself was involved at that time was ruthlessly criticized, and with so signal a success that soon it was said that "The Times" could "make and unmake generals, ministers and governments." The power of the paper had in fact grown to such an extent that one eminent peer groaned, "If England is ever to be England again, this vile tyranny of 'The Times' must be cut off," while the Prince Consort himself declared in 1855 that "soon there will not be room enough in the same country for the Monarchy and 'The Times.'"

Wielding a power which no newspaper in a democratic country of our present time could exercise, it is no great exaggeration to say that "The Times" felt itself responsible for the faith, the morals, the manners and the government of mankind! But that this power was invariably used in the cause of honour and justice, and unmindful of political party concerns, is equally true.

In the meantime other newspapers appeared in London, bidding for public favour by introducing popular prices and popular matter. To lower the price and the tone of "The Times" was unthinkable, and the paper decided to forego large profits and to maintain its high standards, conscious of the position which "carried with it obligations which must be respected without regard to their concomitant financial benefits." Realizing that circulation might decrease "The Times" felt confident of retaining as readers the educated, thinking and responsible elements of the public, a surmise which has been fully justified.

The contribution of "The Times" on the technical side of newspaper production has been of such significance that one may hope for detailed information in the last of the three volumes of "The History of 'The Times'" when it appears. Its work in other fields has been of the greatest importance in the life and thought of the country. For many years it has published regular weekly supplements—"The Times" Literary Supplement, the Educational Supplement, and the Engineering Supplement being almost as famous in professional circles as "The Times" itself—and "The Times Weekly Edition" has carried the news and the views of the paper in compressed form to readers in every quarter of the globe who are unable, for one reason or another, to obtain the daily edition.
—JOSEPH MARTIN.

The Other Side

SPIRITUAL FORCES Being a record of teachings and experiences showing where two worlds meet. By Sir Dudley Barron Myers, O.B.E. Rider, London. 7/6.

The author of "Spiritual Forces" offers this book in proof of his belief that

> ...spiritualism in its highest aspect is the one and only definite channel through which information on matters pertaining to the world beyond can be given our conscious intelligence. It is essentially the channel through which the great spiritual forces operate; it provides the channel through which those who are blessed with the gift of healing are supported and co-operated with by the healing bands working with and through them from the other side...

> It is without doubt, at this stage of the world's development, our fourth dimensional avenue—the link for all our purposes with the spirit side of life.

Some thirty years ago the author undertook the task of attempting to prove or disprove the claims of discarnate spirits, of the influence exercised from their side of life on the affairs of mankind. His investigations have convinced him that the claims of the spirit world are fully justified. The larger part of his book deals with the guidance of the spirit world during his work in India and later in social and political work in England.

> Incidentally I may state that for the purposes of such work as I contemplated, the material independence of the human instrument is essential, as the worker needs to be in a position to retain his or her complete freedom of thought, action and expression and to be free to take up at any time whatever work may require to be done. It follows therefore that all such work must be done on voluntary lines.

Universal Remedy

Sir Dudley Myers spent the years from 1882 to 1914 in India. After devoting some years to his material advancement Sir Dudley found himself taking a part in public affairs in India which eventually led to an affiliation with the Conservative Party organization in the India Department of the party until 1933. During the war he spent four years with Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospitals at Roehampton.

One of the most interesting chapters of the book is that entitled "Lamaism." This deals with one of Sir Dudley's oriental spirit guides, a Lama described as in his last incarnation. This guide was "The Tashi Lama, San Kwa-Vo, of Chigatse, Tibet." Another chapter on Alchemy advances the belief that knowledge from the spirit world will aid in distilling the "universal medicine" which will finally ensure a race without disease and old age.

Forceful Thinking

The basic idea in this book—the existence of a force beyond ordinary knowledge—is accepted by most people. But the interpretation of this force through the examples given by Sir Dudley Myers does not carry the scientific confirmation which the reader would wish. The following quotation is an illustration of the most definite message from the spirit world which the author uses:

> Of the war itself (the Great War) from the spirit point of view...The intelligences with which I was then in touch were absolutely right from the very beginning as to the result of the war, the final cause of the German collapse and the chaotic post-war conditions. They were, however, hopelessly wrong on the question of the length of the war, which they always maintained would be of short duration.

The following explanation of the faulty vision of the spirits was given the author by a "wise and commonsense friend known as Dr. John," and was recorded in his diary on February 14, 1917:

> He again acknowledged that on the spirit side they had all been wrong about the duration of the war from the start, but as he said, they only saw patches of the conditions and in drawing conclusions they omitted a hundred and one factors which were not apparent to them. There was no doubt, he said, that in thinking, as they did at the outset, that the war would be of short duration they were unconsciously influenced by the mentality with which they came into contact near the earth plane.

> In Germany there was an organized and concrete mental atmosphere pointing conclusively in one direction, while in England, France, Russia and other countries, opinions were in a state of chaos, and mentality in any concrete and crystallized form was non-existent. The result was that the spirits came under the influence of the German atmosphere and that their outlook was impaired by the false hopes and expectations of the Central Empire.

This evidence would seem to show that the spirit world draws its conclusions from forceful thinking of people in this sphere. The result of this is to lead one to question the value of messages from the spirit world.—F.M.R.

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Currency is dealt with in the March issue of "Pacific Affairs" by Mr. Guenther Stein under the heading "The Yen and the Sword." Miss Olga Lang in "The Good Iron of the New Chinese Army" contrasts the pre-war soldier with the soldier today. It is stated that the name of the author of "The War Potential of the Soviet Union" will be given in a later issue, an editorial note describing him as "a citizen of a Central European country who once worked in the Soviet Union as an agrarian economist." Mr. D. R. Jenkins, who is the holder of a New Zealand travelling scholarship and working at Columbia University, contributes an article on "Policy and Strategy of the New Zealand Labour Party," while Mr. Martin R. Norins describes "Tribal Boundaries of the Burma-Yunnan Frontier." The issue also includes Comment and Correspondence and book reviews.

New Fiction

In **"The Years Between"** (Ward Lock, London, 3/6) Mr. Paul Trent relates the artistic life of Elsa Manners, who after studying music in Italy returns to England with the intention of making a career for herself. She succeeds and soon finds herself a famous light-comedy star. The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of her mother, who had left her father many years before, intrigues Miss Manners who soon discovers that her mother is actually an eminent opera star known as Madame Nordova, whom she has the opportunity of meeting through her producer. She decides to retaliate on her mother for the unhappiness she had caused to her father by leaving him and a then but a few years' old daughter, and does this by gaining the affections of her producer, who is engaged to Madame Nordova, only to realize later that she actually is in love with him. Towards the end, however, Miss Manners forgives her mother, and the story ends well for all parties concerned. Mr. Trent's fluent and interest-producing style considerably enhances the pleasure derived from the book.—A.S.I.

Good news! Another Inspector Head mystery yarn has just reached the open market and discriminating readers of detective fiction will readily welcome Mr. E. Charles Vivian's first 1939 story **"Problem by Rail"** (Ward Lock, London 3/6) for they fully realize that this ingenious author's tales are always full of strong meat, well put together, masterfully written, and never fail to bear a striking resemblance to reality. To those of you keen on crime stories and who have not yet made the acquaintance of the delightful Inspector Head I would recommend that, as a start, you try this present book. Your time will be far from wasted. He is a character who never fails to hold one's interest and unlike his many prototypes does not have to resort to methods that invariably appear first and foremost "bookish" in effect. The Inspector goes about his business in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, never wastes the slightest opportunity in getting to the bottom of any case he has in hand, spends hours and hours in sorting out what information he has acquired by dint of hard labour, narrows down his suspects to the barest minimum and then strikes while the iron is hot. His methods come as a distinct relief from those far-fetched concoctions that are presented in many crime stories, since they are methods actually employed in the successful investigation of any crime, where the unravelling of puzzling details that produce factual evidence is of far greater use than the playing of hunches and absurd calculations that many far-famed detectives in novels are too apt to employ.

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Mr. Vivian's **"Problem by Rail"** is up to his customary high standard, telling as it does the tale of a mutilated body that arrives in Head's district in a railway coach. The body is clad from head to foot in another man's clothes and at first sight there is not the slightest clue as to its identity. But then the Inspector comes upon the scene and before he has given the affair his attention for many hours he has been able to secure sufficient information to name with exactitude the dead man's antecedents. The way in which he is able to arrive at this step will most certainly be appreciated, for every move he makes in his task is shown and explained quite clearly, so that readers need have no qualms as to being side-tracked and then, a few chapters later, having this and that explained in the form of a narrative by the actual criminal. No! Mr. Vivian is not like that. He presents everything face up as he proceeds to the inevitable climax, but the manner in which he tells his story, interesting in the extreme, loses nothing by its straightforwardness. That he is able to hold the solution of the problem up his sleeve until the appropriate moment is a tribute to his powers of expression and composition.

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After identification, Head carries on with the good work, well knowing that as a country "copper" he has to work fast to secure the arrest of the criminal or Scotland Yard will be called in. How he finally gets to the bottom of the job is not to be mentioned here, but suffice it to say he solves a damnably clever murder in double quick time by the application of a *modus operandi* that is utilized by the police forces of all countries. Mr. Vivian is rapidly forging ahead as a master in the world of detective fiction and fully deserves to be better recognized than, perhaps, he is at present. His characters are alive, his dialogue is always up to the minute, while his background is shorn of the mystery and horror that so many authors are continually trying to inflict on us. Don't be misled by the price of the volume. The majority of those twice and thrice as expensive are not in the same class for sheer enjoyment.
—F.A.P.

Books Received

The Para-Normal Countess N. Wydenbruck (Rider, London. 5/-). **The Garden of the Golden Flower** L. Beatty (Rider, London. 12/6). **The Mystic Light** W. H. Dudley and R. A. Fisher (Rider, London. 15/-) **Life Within Reason** I. Brown (Published for the Liberal Book Club by Nicholson & Watson, London. 2/6).

Fiction

Stars and Stripes M. Dekobra (Laurie, London. 7/6).

Spanish Architecture

George Edmond Street's Explorative Trips Among Cathedrals; Built London's Law Courts

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

GEORGE Edmond Street, author of "Gothic Architecture in Spain," was pre-eminently the most important member of his profession during the latter half of the nineteenth century. To him Gothic was more beautiful, logical and worthy of imitation than any other style ever produced, and in that style he designed and built London's Law Courts.

Familiar with the grandest examples in England, France and Germany, Street went in the early sixties to unexplored Spain. His English predecessors were Richard Ford, whose "Hand Book" is still indispensable and George Borrow, whose "Bible in Spain" is a recognized classic. Both prepared Street for a land teeming with historic interest but not with grand architecture. Street's three trips were consequently real explorations.

In his day travel in Spain was not easy. Excepting Burgos, the Cathedrals he had on his list lay far from the one railway, then under construction from Irun to Madrid. To get to Burgos he spent 24 hours on an ever-mounting road in a mule-drawn diligence; but was not too weary to be awe-struck by the grandeur of Pancorbo, "an imposing defile flanked by massive limestone cliffs."

At last the spires of Burgos cathedral came in sight. It is one of the three begun in the thirteenth century by King Fernando III (El Santo), in thankfulness for divine aid in wresting lovely Andalusia from the Mohammedans. Of these three, Burgos, Leon and Toledo, special interest attaches to the first because Bishop Mauricio, who proposed its being built in the new style which he had seen in his travels north of the Pyrenees, was said to be an Englishman.

The architect knew the cathedral in a fragmentary way through a few old prints. "None of them," he says "did justice to its grandeur." It surpassed his expectations; and yet to an ardent, almost fanatical purist, this work begun as French Gothic in the early thirteenth century had been too overlaid in the fifteenth with German additions to be entirely satisfactory. All the same he was able to write, after much admiration of its plan and solid construction "there can be no two opinions of the beauty and charm of the whole."

Leon Cathedral

Again it was the "dilly" that took him to Leon. Hard mountain roads, primitive inns and strange food, but these were soon forgotten when he beheld the pure undisfigured Gothic of the Cathedral. Here were no later superstructures to offend him, the reason being that the political centre of Castile and Leon had shifted from the first capital and gone to Burgos. Loss of importance meant loss of wealth, subsequent bishops were not rich enough to aggrandize their temple which, therefore, remained as it began in the thirteenth century, purest Gothic with close affinity to Amiens.

In Salamanca, Street found two cathedrals as well as "public buildings grandiose and imposing." The old cathedral stood beside the new, and while the latter did not stir him deeply *per se*, he was glad and surprised to find that as late as the second third of the sixteenth century, when Gothic architecture was no longer practised in Northern Europe, the Spaniard Ontanon began not only in Salamanca but also in Segovia, two great Gothic cathedrals—the two last to be built in Europe.

The earlier, or old in Salamanca was Romanesque; tentative Gothic one might say, born of the Christian zeal of the twelfth century. It was wonderfully little altered and he spent happy hours examining and measuring the interior and sketching, outside, the beautiful cimborio, called El Gallo from the Cock that surmounts it. "The dome over the crossing," says the author, "is a rare feature treated with rare success and originality, for unlike the low-setting cupolas of Poitiers and its region, Salamanca's is raised upon a two-storied stage arcaded inside and out and pierced with windows." Street does not mention it but this dome created a regional school, and the next one to be built, over the Cathedral of Toro, is even more oriental.

Great Pilgrim Shrine

Perhaps from the beginning of his journey in Spain it was Santiago de Compostela that most piqued his curiosity. It had been the great pilgrim shrine of the Middle Ages, built over the tomb of Saint James the Greater, and yet even ecclesiologists were in complete ignorance as to what the church was. Street, unable to get information in England, feared he might meet with "the wreck of an old Romanesque church overlaid with Renaissance and Baroque."

It was left to him, the true discoverer, to make its grandeur known to Europe and to declare that its west portal (of which the South Kensington Museum possessed a complete cast) was beyond all question "one of the very greatest glories of Christian Art." This superb door, fitly called El Portico de la Gloria, is a signed and dated work by the the sculptor Mateo who was master of the works from 1168 to 1188. The scheme is the Last Judgment full of figures with life and piquancy arranged with amazing naturalness. Natural yet grand, and Europe never knew it until George Street published his "Gothic Architecture in Spain."

Departure From Original

To Toledo our patient investigator went to see the third of King Fernando's thank offerings. But in Toledo as in Burgos he found a wide departure from the original conception. It has not, however, run into German but had become Spanish. The masons who constructed it were Moors. Orientals working for Christians naturally produced a fusion of East and West.

Long in building, the cathedral was still unfinished when the Italian Renaissance penetrated Spain, and on to Gothic and Mudejar, as the Oriental-European fusion is called, were grafted Italian elements. This sixteenth-century Spanish style is known as Plateresque—like silversmith's work—because of the small scale in which the Italian motifs are executed.

This was a novelty to Street and he admired it in spite of his allegiance to pure Gothic. He studied the church exhaustively and summed it up thus: "In beauty and in the scale of its plan Toledo equals if not surpasses all other churches in Christendom."

The churches selected thus far from the English ecclesiologist's itinerary have not been desecrated nor destroyed. A thousand pities that the same cannot be said for those in Aragon and Catalonia which he visited on his second and third trips. Saragossa's two cathedrals (for like Salamanca it has an Old and a New) have both suffered lamentably by Red profanation. The same is true of Siguenza and of Lerida; but most deplorable of all is the wreckage done in smiling Catalonia by anti-clerical fury in the first 24 hours of the war.

His Quest Rewarded

It was here on the Mediterranean side of the peninsula that his quest was, from a purely structural point of view, most unexpectedly rewarded. Like other Englishmen he had always looked upon the nave of York Cathedral with its span of 52 feet in the clear as an unparalleled achievement; he discovered that the Catalan builders of the fourteenth century had surpassed York in at least half a dozen instances.

Beginning with Perpignan Cathedral, built when the Rousillon was still Catalan, Street journeyed coastwise to Genoa, Manresa and Barcelona. The Gerona example staggered him with its amazingly daring width of 73 feet in the clear, "this wondrous nave" he called it, "with its height admirably proportioned to its vast width.'

Manresa was not far behind nor were the two magnificent parish churches of Barcelona, Santa Maria del Mar and Santa Maria del Pino. These five which he saw, and the glorious Cathedral of Palma de Mallorca which he did not see but of which he was able to get full data, rejoiced his builder's soul and justified him in writing that "the Catalan architects had satisfactorily solved the problem of erecting churches of enormous and almost unequalled width that could place the congregation on the floor in front of one altar." A real style was evolved "as completely national as our own Norfolk middle-pointed."

By a remarkable coincidence, the last remaining son and daughter of Thomas Piers Claughton, first Bishop of St. Albans, died on the same day recently. Miss Lucy Claughton, who died first, was 87, and the Rev. Piers Claughton 88.

10,000 People Leave Memel Territory

Helsinki, Mar. 26.

Ten thousand residents, including 3,000 Jews, have already left Memel Territory, reports from Kaunas revealed today.

Special relief committees have had to be organized in the Lithuanian capital to aid these refugees from Memel, which in all has a population of 140,000, including 38,000 Lithuanians, 63,000 Germans and 39,000 Memel citizens.

Reports directly from Memel claimed that the Germans will soon start fortifying the city and its harbour.—Havas.

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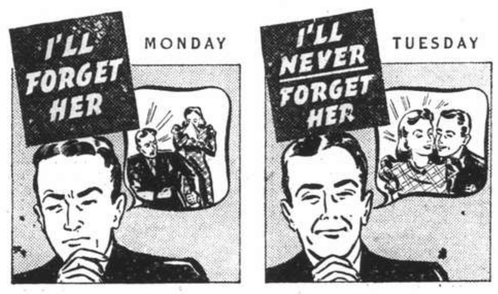

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Two Badminton Championships Change Hands at Country Club

Eardley Wins from Meise in Men's Singles While Mrs. Gresley Defeats Miss Eardley

TWO of the Shanghai Badminton Association championships changed hands yesterday evening at the Country Club where, before a large crowd of spectators, Eardley beat Meise in the Men's Singles and Mrs. Gresley defeated Miss Eardley in the Ladies' Singles, the losers in both cases being last year's holders.

The final of the Whalley Shield also took place, resulting in no change, Australia being the victor over Portugal. That these changes in the titles did take place was not unexpected although it was not anticipated that Mrs. Gresley would have such an easy victory over her opponent.

As a curtain-raiser for the evening's play an exhibition game of two setts, doubles, was played between the markers of the Country Club and the Cercle Sportif Francais, each side taking one sett apiece. Badminton of a very high grade was witnessed which kept the spectators on edge. The C.C. took the first sett 15-14 and the C.S.F. the second 9-14.

The first of the Championship matches was between Meise and Eardley the latter winning 15-11, 15-7. Meise started off the score with a single and the points remained at Meise one love for six changes during which time both players were settling down and testing each other's play. Meise added another then lost the service by smashing into the net. Eardley's smashes and general play at this stage of the game were somewhat erratic and it was not until he was behind at 1-5 that he really got the hang of it. He took over the shuttle at 2-5 and in the next service brought the points up to 9-5 by long play onto his opponent's back-hand and smashes. Meise stopped the run with a well-placed drive and added three during which time he produced some excellent back-hand clearing shots.

Advantage of Reach

Eardley's extraordinary long reach gave him a decided advantage over Meise. The latter, however, gave a good account of himself and was driving well when the opportunity was offered and brought the score up to 11-10 in his favour. Eardley got one point ahead, 12-11, and three changes took place without any score. In what proved to be the last service of the sett a shot by Meise which fell beyond the back-line brought the points to 13-11 when Eardley ran out.

The first four runs of the second sett saw Meise ahead with 3-1 but his opponent changed this to 3-6 with some nice work at the net and partly due to a very clever drop shot by Meise which just went wrong. Seven-all was reached which was increased to 10-7 by Eardley when he had the misfortune to hit one of the rafters and lost the service. The change, however, did not benefit Meise a great deal. He did not add to his score during the remainder of the game as at 11-7 the ultimate victor gained the necessary four points without the service changing.

The latter half of the last sett was not confined to smashing but consisted of quite a considerable amount of variation net work and drop shots were prominent but in all of these, towards the close, Eardley was definitely superior.

Ladies' Championship

Mrs. Gresley defeated Miss Eardley in two setts with the comfortable margin of 11-4 and 11-6. A remarkable feature of the contest was that Miss Eardley never, or at all events until the end of the second sett, adopted her usual forceful tactics. As far as could be seen there was no reason why she should not have brought her powerful smash, a stroke which has stood her so well in the past, into action. This young lady was on the defensive throughout and for no apparent reason.

That she was up against a strong opponent cannot be denied. Mrs. Gresley possesses a very enviable back-hand stroke and is steady at the net added to which there is a strong and generally sure smash.

Mrs. Gresely reached four in the first game whilst her opponent had collected one. Miss Eardley equalized which turned out to be the last addition to her score during the sett, this closing in six more changes.

In the second sett it was not until Mrs. Gresley was leading 10-2 that Miss Eardley seemed to recover some of her usual form gradually, by stronger play, bringing her total up to 6, these four points being taken in run during which time Mrs. Gresley was often caught out of position. The game finished in the next service, 11-6.

Australia Trims Portugal

Australia had not a great deal of difficulty in overcoming Portugal in the Whalley Shield game in spite of the fact that the first sett was only won by the narrow margin of 15-13. The second was a much easier matter, 15-6. Although the Portuguese couple, de Senna and da Silva put up a good fight in the 15-13 game they were outplayed, both Eardley and Kew being quite on form.

The first sett was remarkable for the rapid scoring, being over in eleven changes in each of which some addition was made. Senna played well at the commencement, specially at the net and he was well supported behind by his partner. They took over the shuttle at 0-8 when Silva served a fault. Senna added one and he also faulted. A run whilst Eardley was serving put the Australians ahead to 14-11. Their opponents gained 2 making 13-14. Eardley served and lost and it appeared as though Senna and his partner would have another chance but a smash by Kew finished the sett.

The Australians had reached 10 in the second game before their opponents had passed the two mark, thanks to certain and sure smashing by Kew. This seemed to upset the Portuguese who lost all hold on the game. At 13-4 they started a run but this was unfortunately broken by an excellent net shot by Senna just failing to get over the tape. In the next service Eardley took the two necessary points.

Congratuations must be offered to Eardley upon his success and particularly upon the fine play which he produced during the evening. He possesses a free and easy style and never appears to be properly extended.

The remainder of the Championship Finals programme will take place tonight, starting at 5.30 p.m., the arrangements being as follows:—

MIXED DOUBLES

Mrs. Burton and Meise *v.* Miss Eardley and Earley.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mme des Courtils and Miss Eardley *v.* Mrs. Gresley and Miss Holwill.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Meise and Flood *v.* Kew and Stokes.

Britain's Prospects In Davis Cup

Austin Willing To Play Again; New Zealand's Team For England's Match

London, Mar. 26.

Great Britain, although receiving a bye into the second round, has not fared too well in this year's Davis Cup draw. First visitors to Wimbledon will be New Zealand, in a second-round match.

The draw, which took place in New York, gave Great Britain an initial advantage, but offset this by making the strong French team, who are expected to beat China in the second round, our probable opponents in the third round.

Provided Britain successfully negotiate this stiff hurdle, they will probably have Germany, one of the most fancied countries, as their opponent in the semi-final of the European Zone.

The draw reveals that there are only four first round matches in the European Zone. In one of these Yugoslavia, who beat Britain 5-0 last year, meet Ireland. The other three matches are between Rumania and Hungary; Poland and Holland; and Germany and Switzerland.

Schedule of Matches

Countries who received byes into the second round will meet as follows: Czechoslovakia versus Norway; Belgium-India; Italy-Monaco; Sweden-Denmark; Great Britain-New Zealand; France-China.

In the North American Zone Australia play Mexico in the first round, and Canada meet Cuba, Japan and the Philippines both receiving byes.

Brazil is the only entry from the South American Zone, and will meet the winner of the North American Zone to provide an opponent for the European Zone victor. The winner of this match will then challenge the holders (United States) for the Cup.

Last year the challenge was held at the Germantown Cricket Club, Philadelphia, but this year's match will take place at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

The British Davis Cup team this year will be greatly strengthened by the return of H. W. Austin, who is considered to be the best amateur lawn tennis player in the world today.

Austin, who will be 33 this August, did not take part in the Davis Cup competition last year, because he thought that since he had played for Britain every year since 1929 it was time he made way for younger blood.

Austin to the Fore

Owing to Britain's poor showing last season, when Rumania was beaten only by three rubbers to two and a heavy 5-0 defeat was experienced against Jugoslavia, Austin has decided to offer his services to the Lawn Tennis Association not only for Davis Cup matches, but for all international events.

There is little doubt that the L.T.A. will accept his offer wholeheartedly, for led by Austin, Ronald Shayes and particularly Eric Filby will be different players.

The New Zealand team, which will play Britain in the second round (European Zone) at Wimbledon, will be made up of three players. They are: C. E. Malfroy, D. C. Coombe, and N.V. Edwards.

Malfroy, who is a former captain of Cambridge University, has a victory over F. J. Perry to his credit. Coombe won the New Zealand national singles championship in 1937.

Edwards, the N. Z. singles champion, is the new recruit of the side. He jumped into prominence early this year by scoring a surprise victory over H. A. Barnett in the final of the national championship.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

As British Navy Wins Championship

Goal-mouth action in Sunday's second division football struggle at the Race Course in which the British Navy defeated the French Forces heavily to win the division title. The French goal-keeper is wearing the headgear.

Invitation Volleyball League Play

Foreign "Y" Winners Over Russian Club

With Alex Prokofieff and Frank Burton playing in top form, the Foreign Y.M.C.A. easily defeated the Russian Club last night in the "Y" gymnasium by two straight games of 15-9 and 15-5 for a second consecutive victory in the Invitation Volleyball League.

The "Y" team started off in convincing style as they slowly but steadily walked away to victory, allowing the opponents nine points. Inwood set up nicely for both Prokofieff and Burton to smash the ball over the net while the rest of the team put up a solid defence.

In the second game the winners rode the crest of the wave. Prokofieff excelled with "cannon ball" shots while Burton stood out with pretty soft taps into the various open spaces on the Russian side.

The sides lined up as follows:—

Y.M.C.A.:—Inwood, Prokofieff, Krause, Matulis, Volochenko and Burton.

Russian Club:—Laisheff, Razumovsky, Liah, Semagin, Chernavin and Malisheff.

Russian Club Seconds

The Russian Club proved to become strong contenders for the championship in the Second Division as they vanquished Twenty-seventh, a team composed of the students of St. John's Middle School, by a lop-sided score of two 15-2 games. The victors fielded a well-balanced team as no one was specially outstanding.

The Line-up read as follows:—

Russian Club:—Markitant, Chooklantzeff, Kotliaroff, Moskaleff, Burenin and Bocevitch.

Twenty-seventh:—W. P. Bao, W. M. Mei, T. D. Dai, S. K. Loh, K. W. Koo and H. S. Yui.

Ladies League Game

In a match in the Ladies League the Y's Club scored a victory over Betar, 15-10 and 15-11. The Chinese girls proved slightly stronger and led from the beginning of the contest. The Jewish team showed sporadic aggressiveness. Several times they caught up the score and on no less than three occasions they had the score tied.

Following were the teams:—

Y's:—L. C. Yang and C. Y. Chen, Y W. Chen, W. C. Fong, S. T. Uyang, S. L. Tsueh and G. L. Chen.

Betar:—Gabriel, Exthud, Hanin, Gourvitch, Defris and Plotkin.

Stiff Competition

Matches in the women's section played a leading part in last Saturday afternoon's competition in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Volleyball League. No less than five encounters were run off, with You Hsing and Aldesi Whites, two of the strong contenders, showing the best of form.

You Hsing had a stiff fight against After Class and emerged victors by the odd game in three. The former team captured the first game, 15-12, but had the misfortune of dropping the second by 17-15 after having been tied by their opponents at a 15-all deadlock. In the third and deciding session You Hsing again gained an upperhand to win decisively by 15-11.

The Whites team met little opposition from Lycene, the score being 15-3 and 15-11. The victors became indifferent in the second game because of their one-sided victory in the preliminary.

The remaining three contests were also listless, the winners being decidedly superior. Sokol trounced the Blues, 15-3 15-2; while the "A" team of Erin Villa vanquished the Keys by two 15-1 tallies and the Erin Villa seconders fell victims at the hands of Square Heart by 15-2 and 15-3.

Guldahl Win US$5,000 Golf Tourney

Greensboro, N.C., Mar. 26.

Ralph Guldahl, the husky United States national open golf champion, added the U.S.$5,000 Greater Greensboro open tournament to his long list of victories today.

By turning in 141 today, Guldahl registered a grand total of 280 for a brilliant victory. Lawson Little, former amateur champion of the world, and Clayton Heafner finished in second place, each with a card of 283.—United Press.

Reds, Bees Triumph

Pampa, Fla., Mar. 26.

The Boston Red Sox fell before a powerful nine of the Cincinnati Reds, 9-5, while the Boston Bees triumphed against the Brooklyn Dodgers, 13-6, today in practice games.—United Press.

Pole Vault Mark May Be Topped

"Higher Ceilings" Says Ohio State Coach; Not Much More from Sprinters

Columbus, O. Mar. 25.

Human feet probably have reached their fastest forward speed but their ability to probe the human body upwards should set new records for the pole vault and high jump within the next ten years, in the opinion of Larry Snyder, Ohio State track coach and "father" of Olympic cinder stars.

With the advent of another calendar year, Snyder observed his eighth year as track coach of Ohio State and he can look back on a long list of record-breakers who were his proteges.

But after fourteen years of connection with the cinder sport—he was assistant coach at Ohio State for eight years—Snyder believes there are new track worlds to conquer.

"It doesn't seem possible for anyone to break the mark of 9.4 seconds for the 100-yard dash now held by several men. But such events as the pole vault and the high jump will have higher ceilings," the gray-haired but comparatively young coach said.

He predicted the pole vault record height, now held jointly at 14 feet, 11½ inches by Bill Sefton and Earl Meadows of Southern California, would be raised to 15 feet "or better." The present high jump mark, held by Mel Walker, one of Ohio State pupils, is 6 feet, 10⅜ inches. Snyder thinks it will soon take better than 7 feet to hold the record.

Interest Increased

Snyder also has ideas about stimulating the interest of ordinary sports fans in track as a spectacle.

"Indoor meets are especially adapted for spectators. For our coming indoor meets, we plan to run them over one hour and ten minutes for the entire show. To take up the dull slackness between events, we're arranging such attractions as interclass football relays. We plan to show that track is thrilling when handled well," he explained.

Snyder was a track star in his own right as an Ohio State undergraduate before he received his diploma in 1925, along with the annual Big Ten conference athletic award. He became assistant to Riley Castleman, track coach, that year and later succeeded him.

A few of Snyder's star pupils were Jesse Owens, Olympic sprint champion; George Simpson, sprinter; Jack Keller, hurdler, and Dave Albritton, high jumper.—United Press.

Anglo-French Rugby Quarrel Ends

Amateur Status of Players Emphasized in Letter

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Mar. 26.

It has been unanimously decided by Directing Committee of the French Rugby Federation to adopt the proposals received recently in a letter from the Secretary of the four British Rugby Unions. The Federation is certain to confirm the decision and the first match will probably be played against Scotland next January. The British letter, summarized, states:

1. Amateurism is to be entirely respected by players as well as directors;
2. Paid trainers are to be abolished;
3. Expelled players must not play again until their case is considered by a competent Commission;
4. Rules of the International Board are to be applied integrally; and
5. Friendly matches should be the basis of the game.

The letter politely advised the abolition of inter-club championships.—Reuter.

Supt. Crouch Presents Bowling Trophy

Bubbling Well Lawn Bowls Club Receives Silver Cup

Mr. R. J. Crouch, retiring Superintendent of Police who is leaving Shanghai on Saturday, donated a trophy for the outstanding singles player within its organization, to the Bubbling Well Lawn Bowls Club, at a simple ceremony held yesterday.

The trophy, a beautiful silver cup, will be played for once every year, the winner for three consecutive years being then entitled to keep the handsome prize.

Mr. Crouch was one of the most popular members of the club and has on various occasions won different championship events. With his departure, local lawn-bowl circles will find a distinct gap in their ranks.

S.L.T.A. Meeting Due Tomorrow

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association will be held in the main lounge of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. (first floor) tomorrow at 5.45 p.m. All club representatives have been requested to attend.

Shanghai Squash Rackets Championships

Intending competitors in the Shanghai Squash Rackets Championships both Senior and Junior are reminded that the entries for these championships will close on Friday and names should be sent in to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. P. E. Smith, c/o Dodwell & Co., as soon as possible. The Senior Championship is open to anyone who feels he is sufficiently good to compete in this category, while the Juniors are invited to send in their names in this class which is expected to provide a large entry list. The fee for entry for either competition is $1.00.

Italy Beats Germany In Soccer

Florence, Mar. 27.

The football match between Italy and Germany was won by Italy 3-2 (half-time 2-1) here yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

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Ladies Inter-Club Ten Pins League

Columbia Country Club Blues Trounce German Garden Club Team

The Blues of the Columbia Country Club yesterday experienced no difficulty in getting nearer to the championship of the Shanghai Inter-Club Ladies Ten Pins League when they trounced the German Garden Club yesterday afternoon, winning three games, thereby annexing a total of 17 games out a total of 24.

The Foreign Y.M.C.A. Women's Sports Section, hitherto second in rank, fell victims at the hands of the C.C.C. Reds, sister team of the leading Blues, by the odd game in three. The runner-up position is now occupied by the American Club bowlers who took the measure of the Marine Ladies by a 2-1 score.

With the exception of Mrs. McDonnell, best individual bowler in the competition, none of the competitors was able to reach the 500 mark. Mrs. McDonnell scored both the highest single and triple records in the League by a count of 204 and 544, bettering Mrs. Gray's previous single record of 203 and her own triple record of 534.

Yesterday's full results were:—

C.C.C. BLUES—3

Mrs. Cardwell	123	144	142	369
Mrs. Gray	185	137	155	477
Mrs. Davis	112	161	135	408
Mrs. Hale	179	160	138	477
Mrs. Horton	128	160	123	411
	727	742	673	2,142

GERMAN G. CLUB—0

Mrs. Groesser	125	146	121	392
Mrs. Dietrich	112	124	109	345
Mrs. Brand	153	123	176	452
Mrs. Von Aster	125	125	125	375
Mrs. Rauckholz	125	125	125	375
	640	643	656	1,929

C.C.C. REDS—2

Miss McIntyre	—	159	150	309
Mrs. Manney	112	152	130	443
Mrs. Putman	101	158	121	380
Mrs. Laidlaw	136	151	152	441
Mrs. McDonnell	145	204	195	544
	496	824	757	2,077

Y.M.C.A.—1

Mrs. Collaco	157	160	163	480
Miss Hughes	135	132	135	402
Mrs. Mortimer	146	169	122	437
Miss Volein	144	116	—	260
Mrs. Malleck	157	163	142	462
Mrs. Swan	739	740	116	116
	739	740	673	2,157

AMERICAN CLUB—3

Mrs. Evans	127	149	120	396
Mrs. Donaldson	153	140	121	429
Mrs. Jensen	143	135	162	440
Mrs. Deegan	184	125	162	471
Mrs. Lamneck	173	187	142	496
	780	763	713	2,229

MARINE LADIES—1

Mrs. Allen	140	155	145	440
Mrs. Cloud	132	129	154	415
Mrs. Johnston	135	135	133	403
Mrs. Krulak	122	148	170	440
Mrs. Nelson	143	141	145	429
	672	708	747	2,127

TEAM STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
C.C.C. Blues	17	7
American Club	15	9
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	14	10
C.C.C. Reds	13	11
German G. Club	7	17
Marine Ladies	6	18

Bruins Garner Third Win from Rangers

Need One More To Enter Stanley Cup Finals

New York, Mar. 26.

Crushing the New York Rangers, 4-1, the Boston Bruins tonight scored their third straight victory in the Stanley Cup play-offs and advanced within one game of entering the finals of the series for the symbolic trophy of national professional ice hockey supremacy.

Although the Rangers waged terrific battles with the Bruins in their first two clashes of the play-off series when overtime was necessary to decide the winners, the New York aggregation was not in the picture tonight.

Revealing amazing speed, the Bruins also combined clever stickwork in handling the puck on the slippery rink. They cut through the usually stout Ranger defence in a series of well-planned attacks and peppered the goal with stinging shots to net the puck four times for victory.

Tonight's victory made the Bruins the hottest favourites to win the Stanley Cup in years. Winners of the league championship by a wide margin, the Bruins, probably the best balanced team in the last decade, were heavily backed today to enter the final of the Stanley Cup series in four straight games. They meet the Rangers again on Tuesday and should win, thus concluding a series which is played on a best four out of seven games basis.

Canadiens Beaten

The Detroit Red Wings by beating the Montreal Canadiens, 1-0, tonight, entered the semi-finals of the play-off series. They will clash with the Toronto Maple Leafs for the right to play in the finals.

While the Maple Leafs beat the New York Americans in two consecutive games in the clash between teams finishing in fifth and sixth place in the league, the Red Wings, only squad in history to win the Stanley Cup for two successive years, were forced to play the complete three-game rubber with the Canadiens.

The Red Wings lost the first game to the Canadiens, 2-0, but last Thursday whipped the French-Canadian squad, 7-3, and thus drew level. Tonight's victory placed in the semi-final against the Leafs.

The Bruins won the first game against the Rangers, 2-1, after three overtime periods, and the second clash, 3-2, after one extra session.—United Press.

Perry to Become An American?

London, Mar. 27.

F. J. Perry, the ex-Wimbledon champion, is taking steps to become an American citizen, according to a New York daily paper.

He has lived in the United States since he turned professional in the winter of 1936. In Winnipeg last May, Perry emphatically denied a similar report of his intention to become an American citizen.—Reuter.

S.G.C. April Cup Next Saturday, Sunday

The April Monthly Cup of the Shanghai Golf Club will be played for next week-end at the Seekingjao course. The conditions will be eighteen holes medal play, "A" Class scratch to twelve, and "B" Class thirteen to twenty-four handicap.

Goalmouth Tussle at Home

Turner, Fulham's goalkeeper, and Duncan, forward for Tottenham Hotspur (stripes) are seen in a goalmouth struggle during a football match in the Second Division at Craven Cottage recently.

U.S. Will Not Dump Cotton, Wheat

Farm Surplus and Aid By Federal Bonus for Growers Raises Issue

Washington, Mar. 26.

Agriculture Department officials have begun a campaign to head off enactment of any farm programme which would provide for dumping of American farm surpluses abroad.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, is leading an Administration counter-drive against domestic allotment plans calling for price-fixing. Several mid-Western Congressmen of both parties are sponsoring them.

The Administration strategy appears to be to cling to the present farm programme, for 1939 at least. Minor administrative amendments will be approved, but any major changes will be opposed, Mr. Wallace announced.

Recent speeches and statements by Mr. Wallace and his chief administrative aids have been directed at what they consider to be the vulnerable spots of price-fixing schemes. Mr. Wallace has warned that they would result in a "chaotic farm situation."

Briefly, the domestic allotment plan would provide that the Secretary of Agriculture establish a fair price for farm products for home consumption and permit the remainder of unlimited production to be dumped abroad at whatever price it would bring.

Regimentation Unwanted

Administration opponents of the plan assert that it would lead to unprecedented regimentation of agriculture and distributors and to certain failure. The cost to the government, they argue, would be prohibitive.

Establishment of a fair price, or cost of production, on products for home consumption would entail a complicated formula giving each farmer a quota on which the government would guarantee him a certain price based on his costs.

Proponents of the plan differ as to whether the government would require processors to pay that the price or the government would allow products to be sold at market prices and make up the difference by direct subsidy payments.

Administration officials object most strenuously to dumping features of the plan. It calls for the sale abroad of all products not needed at home for whatever price they would bring.

Such a plan Mr. Wallace said, could not succeed. Importing countries would raise their tariffs or would exclude unwanted surpluses through quotas or embargoes, he said.

Case Against Dumping

Mr. R. M. Evans, Agricultural Adjustment Administrator, said dumping would lead to "retaliation and trade wars." It would result, he said, in excessively high costs to American consumers and the passing of bargains over the counter to foreign consumers.

'Every bushel of wheat or bale of cotton or pound of lard that moves into export trade at a price less than it actually costs to produce in labour, capital and soil fertility is an absolute loss—never to be recovered," Mr. Evans said. "That is the final weakness of any farm philosophy that encourages dumping."—United Press.

Japanese Gubernatorial Conference Due

Detailed Reports to Be Given Government

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

The Government is contemplating the convocation of a gubernatorial conference. This follows the Diet's recent approval of the instructions to be given to Prefectural Governors in connection with the carrying out the Government's policies.

The date for the Conference will shortly be fixed by the Cabinet Council. At the Conference, the Governors are expected to make detailed reports on the local situations under their respective jurisdiction, "so as to pave the way for a smooth enforcement of the Government's policies."—Reuter.

Six Die, Eleven Hurt in Bus Accident

Los Angeles, Mar. 26.

Six passengers were killed, eleven more were injured today when a bus crashed into a ditch after swerving to avoid a collision with a car.—Havas.

Turkey May Annex Hatay Territory

Istanbul, Mar. 27.

The final incorporation of the Hatay territory, formerly the Sanjak of Alexandretta, into Turkey will be proclaimed tomorrow in Antioch, former capital of the Sanjak, the paper "Hakit" reports from Ankara.—Trans-Ocean.

Tokyo Talks Over Axis Pact Admitted

Outcome Unknown, Says Gaimusho Spokesman

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

The subject of strengthening the tri-partite anti-Comintern Pact is still being studied and nothing definite has yet been decided, said the Foreign Office spokesman today, in reply to a question put by a foreign correspondent.

When questioned regarding the alleged impending conclusion of a military alliance between Japan, Germany and Italy, the spokesman said he had no information on the subject.

"Japan sympathizes with the legitimate claims and aspirations of Italy," declared the Foreign Office spokesman in reply to a foreign correspondent today regarding the speech made yesterday by Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

Chinese Bullion on Way to U.S.

Singapore, Mar. 26.

The ss. President Garfield is carrying $20,000,000, mostly in Chinese gold and silver coins, to the United States as a Chinese Government remittance to the United States, the Free Press reported today. The funds were said to have been shipped from Manila.—United Press.

600 Tunisians Arrive In Naples

Naples, Mar. 26.

Six hundred persons have arrived from Tunis under the Fascist repatriation scheme. The head of each family will receive 1,000 lire at the instance of Signor Mussolini. Work, it is claimed, is waiting for them in various towns.—Reuter.

China Negotiating Loan Services

Funds Being Set Aside To Meet Obligations So Far as War Permits

Chungking, Mar. 26.

Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, announced today that the Chinese Government had initiated negotiations with a view to effecting an arrangement in respect to the service of the customs and salt secured loans.

Pending the conclusion of these negotiaitons, he stated, the Chinese Government was taking action in relation to the salt secured loans similar to that taken on January 15 this year. This action, it will be recalled, was announced in view of Japanese interference with pledged revenues, and with the currency.

The Chinese Government stated that it was prepared temporarily to set aside in the Central Bank of China certain funds in respect of long-term debt service. Such funds, Dr. Kung announced today, were duly being set aside.

Anglo-French Loan Payment

With reference to loans secured on the salt revenue, Dr. Kung announced that the Anglo-French loan coupon, due on April 5, would be paid at the usual time, inasmuch as the fiscal agents already had on hand out of the payments previously made to them a sum sufficient for this purpose.

In the case of the Crisp loan, the Chinese Government was setting aside out of the salt revenue a share of the interest due to the bondholders on March 30.

The Chinese Government, having regard for China's obligation, and for the interests of the bondholders, had been much concerned to continue the debt service, despite unprecedented difficulties caused by the Japanese invasion.

The Government did not wish to permit, continuance of the situation resulting from the measures which circumstances had forced it very reluctantly to take in relation to the customs and salt loans, without endeavouring to arrive at a reasonable arrangement to maintain the debt service as far as was practicable, having regard to the abnormal conditions obtaining, and to the vital necessity of prosecuting the war, and preserving China's financial stability, Dr. Kung's announcement concluded.—Reuter.

Sino-Soviet Air Line Inaugurated

Planes Successfully Meet At Sinkiang City

Chungking, Mar. 27.

Chinese sources report the successful completion of the inaugural flight of the Chinese-Soviet air-line between Chungking and Hami.

The Chinese air-liner Lanchow, which left Chungking on March 24, is reported to have arrived in Hami on the afternoon of March 25, making a connection there with a Soviet plane operating between Hami and Alamutu.

The Lanchow was originally scheduled to leave Hami on March 25 on its return flight, but its departure was delayed until yesterday morning.

The machine arrived at Lanchow at noon yesterday and is leaving this morning for Chungking, where it is expected this afternoon.—Reuter.

Wang Keh-min Flies To Nanking

Peiping, Mar. 24.

Mr. Wang Keh-min, president of the Executive Council of the "Provisional Government" left here at 9.30 o'clock this morning by air for Nanking to attend the fourth session of the Joint Commission of the "Reformed" and "Provisional Governments" in Nanking.

Lieut.-Gen. Seiichi Kita, director of the North China Liaison Office of the Asia Development Board, also left for Nanking by aeroplane this morning.—Domei.

Palestine Film Shown in Westminster Abbey

Congregation Prays for Peace in Holy Land

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 27.

For the first time in the history of Westminster Abbey, a film was shown there last night depicting scenes of the Holy Land.

The congregation of 1,000 included representatives of the Russian, Greek and Syrian Orthodox Churches. The Bishop of Jerusalem acted as commentator.

The Dean of St. Paul's led a prayer for peace in Palestine and for the Jewish race. The congregation, at the close, sang a hymn entitled "Pray That Jerusalem May Have Peace." Reuter.

Sir Robert Craigie to Visit Shanghai

Tokyo Ambassador Making Holiday Trip

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Japan, accompanied by Lady Craigie, is combining a ten-day holiday with a visit to Shanghai to exchange views with Sir Archibald Kerr, the British Ambassador to China.

Sir Robert and Lady Craigie will leave Tokyo on the Empress of Canada on April 1. They will return to Japan aboard the Terukuni Maru.—Reuter.

Government Departments To Leave Chungking

Chungking, Mar. 26.

All government departments are to be removed within the next four weeks to towns 100 kilometres from Chungking, according to an official announcement made tonight.

Evacuation will take place in accordance with the decisions and plans of the evacuation committee appointed some time ago, and although no details are given, it is believed that all the ministries and legislative bodies will be affected.—Trans-Ocean.

Berlin View of New Trade Pact With Holland

Berlin, Mar. 26.

Commenting on the trade agreement with Holland, a communique issued today states:—"Contrary to the short term agreements of the past, the agreement, in mutual confidence, stability, and the development of economic relations between Germany and the Netherlands, is for the first time of longer duration."—Reuter.

Mr. De Valera Confers On Partition Issue

British Ministers Stress Defence Requirements

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Dublin, Mar. 26.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, upon his return from the coronation of the Pope, is said to have had conversations in London with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, and Sir Thomas Inskip, the Dominions Secretary, which were related to matters of common concern between Eire and Great Britain and to world affairs.

It is believed that the partition of Ireland was the major consideration in Mr. de Valera's mind, while the British Ministers were specially interested in defence.

Mr. de Valera, it is understood, adhered to the attitude that partition was vitally important to relations between England and Ireland and that defence co-operation could not be realized whilst it lasted.

As the matter stands, neutrality is the basis of the policy of Eire, which makes certain, however, that Great Britain shall not be attacked through Eire if a crisis arises.—Reuter.

Landslide in Istanbul

Istanbul, Mar. 27.

Thirteen persons were killed and eighteen were seriously injured when a five-storey concrete building and two wooden houses crashed in a landslide here today. The victims included women and children of the European working class district.—United Press.

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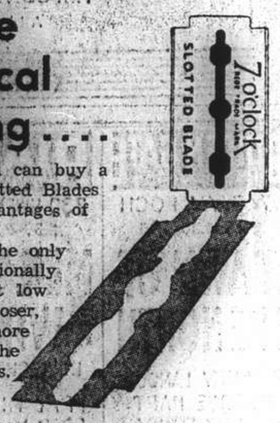

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BIRTH

FEASEY.—On March 26, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to WINIFRED wife of S. E. Feasey, a son. 11720

DEATHS

MODLIN.—On March 8, 1939, at New York, U. S. A. LEDA, aged 26 years, dearly-beloved wife of Robert Modlin, and third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Strok. 11718

MADAR.—On Sunday, March 26, 1939, in Shanghai, MAY JOYCE, aged 34 years, the dearly-beloved daughter of Mrs. Sarah and the late Mr. O. A. Madar. Removed to parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held today, Tuesday, March 28, at Bubbling Well Cemetery at 3.30 p.m. (Hongkong papers please copy.) 11710

VERSHOVSKY.—On Monday, March 27, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, DAVID S. VERSHOVSKY, aged 35 years, after a prolonged illness. Interment took place at 3 p.m. at the Baikal Road Cemetery. Survived by wife and son.

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IL DUCE'S SPEECH

Viewed in the light of past anxieties Signor Mussolini's speech on Sunday seems to have been one of studied moderation. Its alleged harshness is of no particular importance as representing rather that degree of rhetoric, so necessary for utterances by Dictators in times such as these, than any real contribution to a consideration of the problems which Il Duce has now raised. Nothing appears to be said about Corsica, Nice and Savoy. Whether they have been dropped entirely, or merely put into abeyance to be brought forward at some future and more propitious occasion remains to be seen. For the time being Signor Mussolini has confined himself to the problems of Tunisia, Djibuti and Suez. The French attitude with regard to these three points has been well known for some time. The question of Italy's demands vis-à-vis of the Suez Canal and Djibuti is still open to discussion. With regard to the status of Italians living in Tunisia, France sees no particular reason to accept a different solution of the problem than that reached by the agreement of 1935, which was subsequently denounced by Italy. It will be remembered that on January 7, 1935, M. Laval and Signor Mussolini signed agreements defining the interests of the two countries in Africa, containing frontier rectifications in favour of Italy in North and East Africa. France made a number of concessions. In Tunis all children born of Italian parents up to 1965 were to retain their nationality. A revision of frontier was effected in favour of Italian Libya. Between Italian Erythrea and the French Somali coast a small piece of territory was ceded, and Italy was granted a further share in the French railway from Djibuti to Addis Ababa. Tunisia, and French Somaliland presented problems in 1935 which were capable of adjustment. There is very little reason to suppose that there would be any very great difficulty in setting them again, even if in view of the conquest of Abyssinia some different demands will be made with regard to the status of Djibuti.

Suez is another new problem arising out of the same Italian success. The desires of Rome are for representation upon the Administration of the Canal, and a reduction of canal dues. The former should not be difficult of solution providing some nation or nations can be found to sell sufficient shares to Italy to qualify, and providing Italy can find the money to buy them. On the subject of the dues there is a general feeling that they are too high, and that reduction has been long overdue. So long as no discriminatory reduction is contemplated by Italy, it should not be difficult to give satisfaction in this respect also. But the general difficulty in discussing the situation now created by Il Duce is that his requirements have not been specifically defined, and that the world at large is left to deduct what they are from the speeches of Italian leaders, and the declarations of an inspired press. Absence of such information leaves the position somewhat obscure, and places upon France the onus of approaching Rome to find out what in fact it really wants. Pilgrimages, whether to Berchtesgaden, Munich or Rome, have gone out of fashion. There can be no longer humble supplication for peace. Czechoslovakia has changed all that, and if France decides that she has already made her position clear in the speeches of M. Daladier, and decides to make no further overtures in view of the obscurity of Italian demands she will incur no particular blame thereby. She may on the other hand decide to ask for a definite statement of what Italy demands, and upon that consent to negotiate, though whether she will make any further territorial concessions in Africa beyond those of 1935 is very doubtful indeed. Nevertheless she may be able to make a bargain somewhat different from the arrangement of that year, something in the nature of a compromise, rather than a surrender which it is apparent France will decidedly refuse.

The passage in Il Duce's speech to Italian claims in the Mediterranean are too exclusive to secure much support from other countries around it. They also have important interests in that sea, as has also Great Britain. Only in certain circumstances need they conflict, while in ordinary times of peace they may be said to be complementary rather than antagonistic. His reference to the Adriatic is of greater significance. It enunciates the paramountcy of Italian interests in that sea, not excluding those of other nations whose shores it washes. If that is taken as a discreet warning that the price which Italy has to pay for the success of the Rome-Berlin axis has a limit, it means that any attempt to bring about the restoration of Trieste to an "anschlussed" Austria would be resisted. Signor Mussolini has definitely stated the limits to which German ambitions for expansion have to be confined in this one direction. It would mean the breakdown of the axis, if Berlin ever attempted to bring such a thing about, but even then it is doubtful whether Italy would be able to offer a successful resistance if the more powerful party to this ideological combination decided that it really wanted the port. If it is indeed such a warning, it should never have been necessary to issue it. Since it has been the question naturally arises as to whether Germany and Italy really do see so completely eye to eye as they claim to be able to do. In any event it is evidence of what must be a commonly accepted fact in all international relationships that the interests of any two countries can never be entirely complementary. There are bound to be differences of aims, and when common objectives have been reached the seeds of disunion commence to sprout. The idea of a German port on the Adriatic with consequently easier access to the Mediterranean and the Far East is nothing new. Signor Mussolini appears to recognize that, and though there seems to be rather too much protestation of mutual support by the two parties to the axis, there are points upon which Germany and Italy can never agree. The Adriatic in the not too far historical future may be one of them, depending, of course, upon when Italy has fully served the German purpose.

Boundary Difficulties

Settlement hire car chauffeurs still refuse to take passengers into Japanese-controlled areas as a result of the recent murder of two of their number in Hongkew by unknown assassins. Naturally, if there is an impression that they are subject to murderous attacks when they carry passengers in these districts in the ordinary course of their business, and have received no assurance to the contrary they have every right to act for self-preservation. It is a pity that the murders have not been cleared up because they only add to the mounting number of difficulties obstructing passage between the two areas where conflicting jurisdictions and conditions apply. Despite the complex nature of what might be called Shanghai's international frontiers, a point of contact and intercourse had been reached which transcended political obstacles, red tape and passes. It was based on goodwill and a sense of humour of those using these exits and those guarding them. A recent illustration of international co-operation with language differences cast to the winds was furnished at the Great Western Road crossing when a foreigner took a hire car to Hungjao. The car halted at the crossing where the Chinese chauffeur showed his pass and remarked to the Japanese sentry "Pass, arimasu." The foreigner, stumbling inexpertly through a Japanese conversation manual, ventured to try his "Ko-nichi-wa"—Good Day—on the sentry, who grinned immensely and replied in English not unlike Hollywood—"Alright O.K." International courtesies in alien tongues were exchanged and the sun did seem to shine a little brighter as the car proceeded up the road.

The Spanish Tragedy

The tragic news that negotiations between the Spanish Republicans and the Nationalists for the surrender of the former have broken down means that Spain which has been drenched with blood for nearly three years is to continue the civil war. General Franco has issued an unconditional ultimatum, after negotiations had broken down, demanding the immediate surrender of Madrid under a threat of a rigid siege and an immediate offensive. Indeed the latest reports to hand suggest that in fact fighting has commenced, and that the Nationalists are confident of the early capture of the city. There is little that can be said for the Republican leaders who refuse to put an early end to these hostilities at any price. It does not appear that their own lives are in any particular danger for they would have plenty of time to escape from the country. Those unfortunate people not so well placed, however, are being obliged to continue a struggle which can only end in one way,—victory for General Franco and his forces at the further expenditure of life, and suffering which is as futile as it is unnecessary. If there were any human probability of the Republican cause ever gaining the day something might be said for the decision not to accede to General Franco's demand for unconditional surrender, but the situation very patently denies any such probability. General Franco with additional troops freed since the reduction of Catalonia has been able to concentrate greater strength against the Republican lines defending that portion of Spain which is still theirs. His ships can blockade the coast and prevent supplies reaching the leaders of this forlorn hope, and either by actual fighting, or by the slow process of exhaustion the Republicans seem condemned to inevitable, and final defeat. In the circumstances there can be nothing but the greatest regret that the Republican leaders fail to appreciate the realities of the situation, and in their determination to fight it out to the last are inflicting more misery upon a people who have already had enough of it.

F. A. Cup Finalists

Wolverhampton Wanderers will probably go to Wembley on April 29 as favourites to win the F.A. Cup from the other finalists, Portsmouth. Since their revival last November, the Wolves have had a wonderful record, both in the League and in the Cup. In the League they are in second position, only Everton holding a by no means secure lead over them. And in the Cup, they have scored more goals than any other of the teams which entered. The Wolves have met some of the finest teams in the country on their way to the final, with the following results:—victory over Bradford by three goals to one; victory over Leicester by five goals to one; victory over Liverpool four goals to one; victory over Everton two goals to nil; and in the semi-final, assisted somewhat by the injury to Grimsby's goalkeeper, victory over Grimsby by five goals to nil. Up to the semi-final, it is true, the Wolves had the luck of the draw, playing all their ties on their home ground. But in the League they have proved that they are just as formidable away as they are at home, and unless the strain of a Wembley occasion unexpectedly affects them, they should be as good there as anywhere else. Portsmouth have had a hard time getting so far in the competition, and this should have improved their play. They are near the bottom of the League table, but as experience has shown, this does not count for much in the Cup. Since January 7 Portsmouth have met and defeated Lincoln by four goals to nil; West Bromwich by two goals to nil; West Ham by two goals to nil; Preston by one goal to nil; and in the semi-final, Huddersfield by two goals to one. On the face of their record would seem to reveal a sound defence, since they have had only one goal scored against them so far in the Cup competition. Their League record does not, however, go far to support this contention, since they have had fifty-two goals scored against them as compared with thirty-five for them. Though the F. A. Cup final can always be counted upon to draw large crowds, the fact that one of the finalists comes from the midlands and the other from the south coast may tend to limit the number of visitors for the occasion from the provinces. The ideal final from the point of view of the gate is considered to be a London team against a Lancashire or Yorkshire team, when there is an invasion of the capital from the north.

IN PARENTHESIS

Cash in Advance

A MAN and his wife were on holiday in Scotland, and they hired a bloke to row them across a lake for sixpence. Half-way across a big storm came up. "Can ye swim?" asked the ferryman. "Not much" replied the husband. "Then I'll take the saxpence noo, I dinna ken what micht come over us."

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Hobson's Choice

"I'M in such a quandary, dear," confided Mrs. Smithson to her friend, Mrs. Jameson. "The doctor tells me that if I give my husband anything to drink but pure water I'll kill him."

"What's the trouble then?" asked Mrs. Jameson.

"Well, if I give him only water, he'll kill me!"

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God Given

A SCOTSMAN bought a barometer cheaply at an auction sale, and sent it home to his mother as a present. The old lady, however, did not know what it was, so Sandy wrote back and told her it was for telling the weather by. She replied:—"Ye've wasted your money, what do ye think Providence gave your feyther the rheumatics for?"

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Patient Donkey

SIR,—What a patient and long-suffering animal is the humble donkey! I have noted this fact over and over again in the course of years.

It will, I think, surprise your readers to learn that during a recent visit to the Continent—I travelled as far afield as gay Paris, sunny Nice, and lovely Lucerne—I failed to discover a single hotel or restaurant where I could obtain Lancashire hot-pot, beefsteak and kidney pudding, bubble and squeak, toad-in-the-hole, Welsh rarebit, porridge and cream or baked jam roll!

Surely it shows a great lack of courtesy and initiative on the part of foreigners who pretend to cater for visitors that they have not yet learnt to master these simple English dishes?

While I cannot vouch for the truth of it, I was informed by an elderly lady whose acquaintance I made on the Promenade des Anglais that in certain parts of Belgium dogs are used to pull milk carts—a task which in this country is very properly confined to milkmen.

I can only add that if this story is not a malicious libel—and I have no reason to suppose that it is—then dog lovers throughout the Empire will feel much less well disposed in future towards "gallant little Belgium." I enclose my card.

Faithfully yours,
Albert ("Bertie") Togbury-Snagglewaite.
West Worthing.
—Lane-Norcott in the "Daily Mail."

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Conversation With Sally The Cat

"HUNDREDS of readers have written to me pointing out that a London dealer is advertising for 1,000 male kittens."

"Hundreds of readers?"

"Well, four to be exact."

"Why didn't you say so at first?"

"I wanted to give everybody the impression that I have a large post."

"Why did they write to you about it?"

"Considering your reputation it is only natural that the nation should turn to you in a crisis of this description."

"Does the nation expect me to produce 1,000 kittens?"

"The nation doesn't think it's beyond you, specially as ginger kittens are preferred."

"I regard that as an insult to the Ginger Cat and myself."

"No insult was intended. You should both regard it as National Service. It won't be so dull as A.R.P., anyway."

"I think it's a great pity that you have to be funny about serious matters."

"That's what I'm paid for. Besides, we might make a bit on the side. They're offering 18s. a dozen—more than you can get for eggs."

"I refuse to make money out of my children."

"You needn't. I'll make it."

"I refuse to allow anybody to make money out of my children."

"Listen, sister. This is a smooth racket. All you have to do is to make it up with the boy friend."

"Love that is gone can never be recalled."

"Don't mix up love with business. I tell you there's money in it."

"Let the dead past bury its dead."

"Don't get morbid. Ask him round to supper."

"I gave him my youth and my young love. So many illusions shattered. So many dreams trodden in the dust."

—Gubbins in the "Sunday Express."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	47.5	Max.	54.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	47.0	Max.	64.0

Rainfall .17

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	48.2	Max.	54.3
Same date, 1938	Min.	44.8	Max.	65.8

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 26th:—Moderate anticyclone over the Eastern Sea. Depression over northern China. Strong southerly winds over Central China, our regions and the Yellow Sea. Cyclonic circulation over the Petchili Gulf. Moderate northerly to easterly winds over the Eastern Sea. Fine to cloudy weather over China and at sea.

State on the morning of the 27th:—Rising pressures over China. Depression crossing the Eastern Sea east-north-eastward. Unsteady pressures over Japan.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—The depression will cross Kiusiu east-north-eastward. Fine weather with sand and winds from the southern quadrant over northern China and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast getting cloudy and northerly to easterly winds over Central China and our regions. Overcast with rain and north-westerly to north-easterly winds over the Eastern Sea. Cloudy to overcast and north-easterly winds around Formosa. Local morning mists along the Coast.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Nanchang Occupied by Japanese Troops

Strategically Vital Provincial Capital Taken After Drive of Seven Days ; Other Forces Nearing Changsha ; Rail Lines Cut

CULMINATING an intense drive of a week's duration, Japanese forces at 5.40 p.m. today completed their occupation of Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi province, a communiqué issued by the Japanese Expeditionary Force to Central China at 8.15 p.m. announced.

The capture of the strategically vital city came one week, almost to the hour, after Japanese forces had launched their offensive crossing the Siu River, west of Yungsiu on the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway, under cover of an intensive artillery barrage.

A lightning advance over a distance of 65 km. in seven days featured this operation, the largest scale offensive since the attack upon the Wuhan triple cities in October last year.

In a communiqué the Japanese military authorities announced that Sun flags were seen in Nanchang at 4.05 p.m., according to aerial observation.

According to a Domei dispatch from an unnamed Japanese Army air base, the Chinese resorted to "scorched earth" tactics as their rearguard evacuated Nanchang. Fires could be seen raging in various parts of the city, pilots reported.

Meantime, Japanese flying columns succeeded in cutting the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, vital transportation artery in Central China. The line, the message said, was severed at a point 8 km. southeast of Wanshekai, junction of the Nanchang spur line and the main railway, in addition to various other points.

Successive crossings of the Kan River in junks under cover of artillery fire were effected at Shengmichieh and Tsengkia, 20 and 25 km. above Nanchang, from 4 p.m. on Sunday. Powerful Japanese detachments drove to the area southwest of Nanchang and attacked Chinese troops retreating from the city.

One detachment gained the east bank of the Kan River at a point 15 km. south of Tsengkia at 5 p.m. Various detachments converged on the city from several directions. In the areas west of the Kan River a detachment which started from Fengsin early on Sunday morning attacked the walled city of Kaoan, about 30 km. southwest of Fengsin, also at 5 p.m.

Japanese forces advancing on Wuning killed 3,700 Chinese and took 770 prisoners, including one major and one captain, from March 22 to 24, seizing 39 machine guns, 950 rifles and 12 trench mortars.

Four Gates Entered

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

Japanese forces crossed the Kan River at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday and entered Nanchang by four gates facing the river, according to a field dispatch received here today.

The message said the Japanese advance cut off transportation on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway between Siaoshan in Chekiang Province and Changsha, capital of Hunan.

Complete occupation of the Kiangsi capital would paralyze the most important arms supply route of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek. Prior to the start of the Japanese campaign in Kiangsi the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway was the most important route for the transportation of arms and ammunition from abroad.

The line starts at Siaoshan opposite Hangchow and connects with the Canton-Hankow Railway at Changsha via Nanchang. Siaoshan is the only seaport left in the area not occupied by the Japanese.

The largest Chinese munitions plants in Hengyan in Hunan received their raw materials by means of the railway and Chinese forces round Hangchow, Nanking and Wuhu had been obtaining reinforcements and supplies from Nanchang.—Domei.

With the Japanese Forces
Besieging Nanchang, Mar. 27.

Japanese army engineers this morn-

(Continued on page 10)

Guerillas Wreck Tungpu Line

Three Miles of Track in Shansi Removed; Japanese Closely Guard Railway

FROM REUTERS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Somewhere in Shansi, Mar. 25.

More than three miles of the Tungpu Railway, south of Linfeng, in Shansi province, were torn up by Chinese troops on the night of March 16, according to a report which has reached Chinese Headquarters, where I am staying.

I was present when a soldier, who looked like an ordinary peasant, entered Headquarters and was shown into the presence of the Divisional Commander. He saluted smartly, and proceeded to relate how about 100 Chinese troops, accompanied by 30 peasants, descended from the hills east of the track, and began to destroy the line, tearing up the rails.

They were left unmolested, he said, until 4 p.m. that day, when Japanese guards discovered what was taking place. An armoured train left Linfeng Station, the soldier reported, and attacked the guerillas, whereupon the latter withdrew, suffering only two wounded.

More than 200 rails are said to have been carried off into the mountains, while peasants gladly carried off sleepers, since fuel is scarce.

Precautions Redoubled

The soldier stated that the Japanese have redoubled their precautions increased the number of guards along the railway, and dug pits which the Japanese soldiers entered each evening, spending the nights on guard. There are pits placed between the block-houses, he stated, which now command both sides of the tracks.

The Chinese General commanding this area told me that the Japanese were making great and unsuccessful efforts to protect the northern railways.

The Tungpu line, he declared, at present has a line of block-houses on both sides of the track, each with enough provisions for one month. The track is patrolled every few hours by units numbering up to 100 men.—Reuter.

Hungarian-Slovakian Clashes Resume

Casualties Believed Heavy ; Intensive Firing Heard

Bratislava, Mar. 27.

It is announced here that despite the truce proclaimed between Hungarian and Slovak troops, fighting has been resumed on the Slovak-Ruthenian border. The casualties are believed to be heavy. Intensive firing is reported. Staff officers have vainly attempted to stop the hostilities.

Slovak political quarters allege that the Hungarians are seeking to occupy as much territory as possible in order to exert pressure on Slovakia during the negotiations to delimit the frontier, which will begin in Budapest today.—Reuter.

23 Killed, 55 Wounded

Budapest, Mar. 27.

The official casualty list on civilian and military losses in border incidents during the week-end shows 23 killed and 55 wounded. Three hundred and sixty Slovak soldiers and 211 Czech and Moravian soldiers are taken prisoner.—Reuter.

Swiss Precautions

Berne, Mar 27.

As a precautionary measure, frontier guards have been strengthened, and a decree has ben issued providing for the loading of mines that protect vital points like roads and bridges on the border.—Reuter.

Commons Statement on Rumania

Mr. Chamberlain Says Independence Upheld

London, Mar. 27.

"The Rumanian Government have informed His Majesty's Government that the agreement with Germany contained no political clause and Rumania has not signed away her economic independence."

This statement was made in the House of Commons this morning by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, referring to the recently-signed economic agreement between Germany and Rumania.

"The extension of Anglo-Rumanian trade and the promotion of economic relations between the two countries is a matter to which His Majesty's Government attach the greatest importance," the Prime Minister added. "In this connection I need only mention the recent decision of His Majesty's Government to despatch a commercial mission to Bucharest. The Rumanian Government are still anxious that the mission shall proceed and that, of course, is our intention."—Havas.

No Economic Measures Against Germany

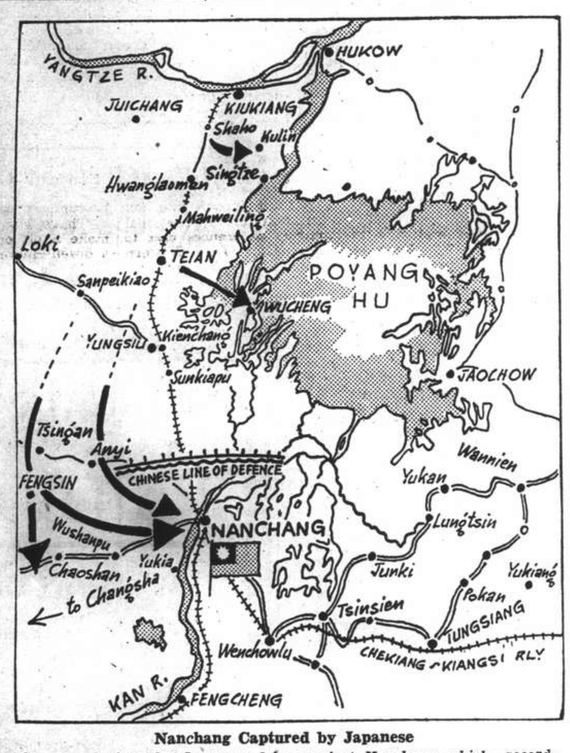
London, Mar. 27.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons today, gave the assurance, that his review of the position, necessitated by the recent changes in the international situation, did not involve retributive economic measures against Germany.—Reuter.

Japanese at Outskirts Of Changsha

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

Japanese forces driving westward along the Hsiu River reached within striking distance of Wuning, outpost of Changsha, at 11 a.m. this morning, according to a Japanese field dispatch.—Reuter.



Nanchang Captured by Japanese

The map depicts the Japanese drive against Nanchang which, according to Domei despatches, fell yesterday. The Chinese retreated southward, eastward and towards Changsha, although this latter road may be blocked by other Japanese divisions.

Coalition for Britain Urged For Defence

Mr. Eden Stresses Need for Immediate Collective Action

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 26.

Immediate formation of a non-party Government on the widest possible basis was urged by Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, speaking at Grimsby today.

Such a Government, he said, should have a two-fold purpose:

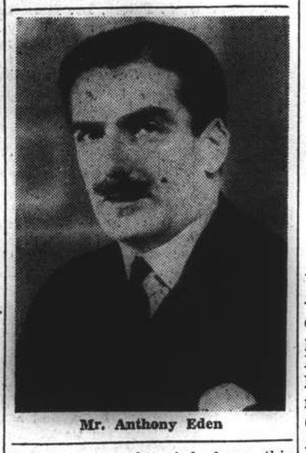
1. Regimentation of Great Britain's industry, wealth and man-power in order to put forward maximum military effort in the shortest possible time; and

2. Adoption of a vigorous foreign policy by uniting peace-loving nations to resist further acts of aggression, as Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, seemed to foreshadow last Monday.—Reuter.

"Not an Hour to Waste"

Grimsby, Mar. 26.

Immediate formation of a National Government which would unite all peace-loving countries in Europe to halt Hitlerian expansion on the Continent, was advocated here this evening by Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary.



Mr. Anthony Eden

Delivering a strongly-worded address, Mr. Eden asserted, "Unite now and act now. There is not an hour to waste. Act in such a way as to convince the world that Britain is awake and in earnest.

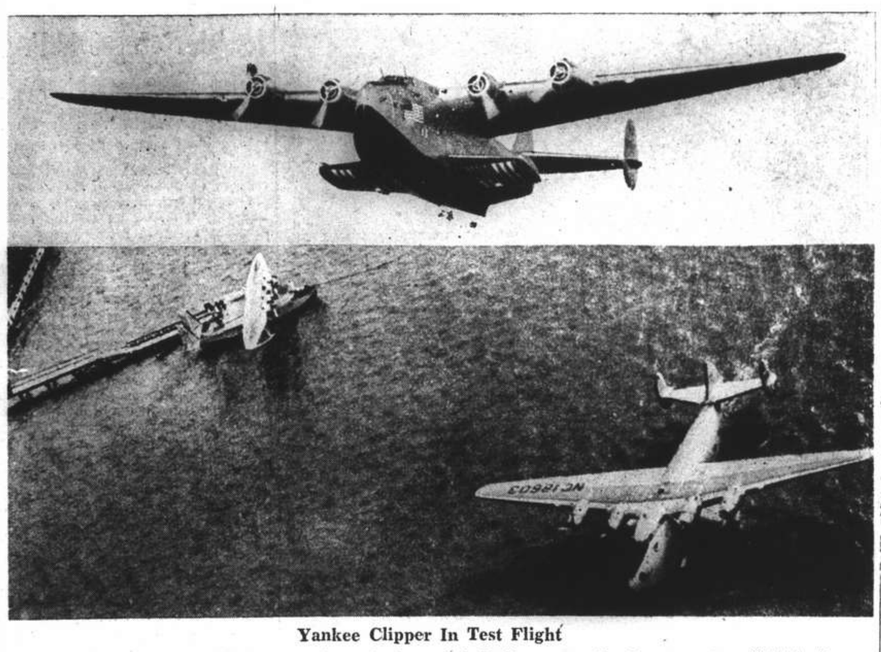
"Call a truce to party politics at once. Form a Government on the widest possible basis.

"Such a Government's task would be twofold—abroad, to pursue with vigour a foreign policy such as Lord Halifax (Foreign Secretary) appeared to foreshadow last Monday, and to unite the peace-loving nations of Europe in resistance to further acts of aggression.

"Chances of success would be infinitely greater if the policy were pursued by a Government which could speak without question for all parties of the State.

"At home, such a Government's task would be to determine immediately and take such steps in respect of industry, wealth and manpower as might be found necessary, in order to enable this country to put forward its maximum military efforts in the shortest possible time.

"On such a programme at home and abroad, the nation would be united," Mr. Eden declared.—Havas



Yankee Clipper In Test Flight

The giant 41-ton Yankee Clipper pictured above, left Baltimore on Sunday on a test-flight to the Azores and has arrived there. The flight is the first formal test as a result of which it is planned to make arrangements for a regular passenger and freight service.

French Council of Ministers Review Il Duce's Claims

M. Daladier Reports Text of Broadcast Speech for Tomorrow ; Press Comments

Paris, Mar. 27.

FOREIGN affairs and the European situation in its broad aspects will be discussed today by the Council of Ministers, under the chairmanship of President Albert Lebrun, with special attention paid to Franco-German relations, Italian claims upon France and Britain's plan seeking to halt Hitlerian expansion in Central and Eastern Europe. Such was the concensus of opinion upon today's meeting, among informed politicians late last night. Franco-German relations would be examined in the light of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's latest coup in Czechoslovakia, "whereby the Munich Agreement of last September and the Franco-German 'non-aggression' Declaration of last December 6 were destroyed."

Franco-Italian relations, they added, would be discussed in connection with Signor Benito Mussolini's Rome address this morning. Il Duce's speech, they said, may be considered an overture to negotiations despite its harsh tone. Finally, the Ministers would study British efforts to form a line of resistance to halt further German expansion.

Moreover, it was stated, the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier would inform his colleagues on the general lines of the broadcast address he is to deliver on Wednesday, when he will outline France's position in international politics. His speech will be broadcast in five foreign languages, English, German, Italian, Spanish and Arabic.

At their conference today, the politicians concluded, the Ministers would also discuss several matters of home policy, including the refugee situation in France; measures to put an end to press campaigns detrimental to French unity; means of financing rearmament; the development of French coastal defences; means of instituting more flexible labour regulations in French private industries.

Comment on Duce's Speech

Signor Benito Mussolini's speech this morning failed to specify the exact nature of Italian claims upon France, whether they are territorial or not, authoritative French quarters commented this evening. They admitted, however, that for the first time, Il Duce placed the Franco-Italian problem on diplomatic grounds and had limited his claims to colonial issues bearing upon Djibuti, the Suez Canal and Tunisia.

The press emphasized tonight that France had never refused to pursue parleys with Italy, but France is determined to refuse all territorial concessions.

"Le Temps" wrote, "France never refused to enter into any international negotiations and only replied, 'Never!' when demands forwarded affected French territorial integrity and sovereignty over the empire, chiefly Tunisia."

"Paris Soir" wrote, "The French side never refused to talk with anybody. But, at all times, it would not permit a single inch of French territory to be taken. That's all!"

The press this morning failed generally to express much concern over Il Duce's speech.

It may be stated, "Le Journal" declared, that Signor Mussolini did not pour any oil on the fire as he stressed the necessity of peace in Europe. In Berlin, the same paper pointed out, the Germans avoid noticing that Il Duce did not congratulate Herr Hitler for his recent annexations. They pass over his reference to Italy's interests in the Adriatic.

Italy an "Asking Country"

"Le Petit Parisien" stated that France is not asking Italy for anything. "If the Rome Government considers that a negotiation is possible between Rome and Paris, it may refer the matter to the French Ambassador, who will make note of its desires," the paper added.

"Le Figaro" stressed that Italy is one of the asking countries. "If she wishes to find out what the French Government thinks, she should revert to normal methods."

"L'Epoque" says the fabulous increase in Germany's power appears to Signor Mussolini as of a nature to entail "fatally" one day an irresistible German push towards the Adriatic. "But he is no longer in a position to get off the path on which he was urged by Count Ciano, Signor Roberto Farinacci, and Signor Achille Starace."

"Le Populaire" stressed that Il Duce's is Herr Hitler's faithful pupil. "He imitates him in everything, even in his manner of addressing a crowd," the journal added. "It is therefore useless to seek in the speech the least specification in the matter of his 'programme,' the least indication as to his immediate intentions. But on the same day his mouthpiece, Signor Gayda, kindly warned us in the 'Voce d'Italia' 'that there are under French rule 3,500,000 authentic Germans belonging to the German Empire'."—Havas.

Door Still Open to Negotiations

"The Times" Believes Sig. Mussolini Gives France Opportunity

London, Mar. 27.

Il Duce's speech has created an opportunity for a settlement between France and Italy, while maintaining Italy's connection with Germany, "The Times" stated this morning, commenting on the speech made in Rome yesterday by Signor Mussolini.

"Il Duce is ready and willing to make friends with France provided that he can obtain reasonable concessions from her. Still at the same time he insures Italy's connection with Germany," the paper declared.

According to the paper's diplomatic correspondent, "Il Duce's speech is being closely examined in Whitehall. The general opinion is guarded, but at first reading it is felt not to have increased—perhaps even here and there to have straightened out—the tangles of the European situation."—Havas.

Washington Impressed

Washington, Mar. 26.

The conciliatory tenor of Signor Benito Mussolini's speech favourably impressed official and financial circles here today.

Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat of Florida and who is often the Administration spokesman on Foreign Affairs, said the speech indicated that a peaceful settlement of the present crisis was possible.—United Press.

New York Press Warning

New York, Mar. 27.

The "New York Herald Tribune" today in an editorial warned against accepting Il Duce's address as "moderate," pointing out that Chancellor Adolf Hitler's speech of January 30 was followed by the absorption of Czechoslovakia.

The "New York Times" said, "none of the positive statements in the speech deserves the term conciliatory. The address leaves Europe as before, lacking real security but apparently saved momentarily from a new crisis."—United Press.

German Reactions

Berlin, Mar. 27.

An inspired statement to the foreign press today says: "Italy has now clearly defined, in the words of the head of its Government, its historic claims with regard to Tunis, Djibuti and Suez—the question of modus has been left open—so there can scarcely exist, any longer, the possibility of evading a reply."—Reuter.

Yankee Clipper Arrives in Azores From Baltimore

Distance Covered in 17 Hours, 32 Minutes; Trans-Atlantic Service Test Flight

Baltimore, Mar. 27.

The giant 41-ton Yankee Clipper owned by Pan-American Airways took off from here yesterday on what may be the inauguration of regular trans-Atlantic air service.

The flight is the first formal test of the southern Atlantic route preliminary to carrying mail and passengers. The plane reported at 5 p.m. yesterday that it was 400 miles from here and averaging 175 miles per hour.—United Press.

Clipper Arrives at Horta

Horta, Mar. 27.

The Yankee Clipper arrived here at 1.07 p.m. (G.M.T.).

The machine covered the distance between Baltimore and the Azores in seventeen hours and 32 minutes.—Havas.

Baltimore, Mar. 27.

"How long does it take to boil an egg at an altitude of 2,468 metres?" This terse question was flashed over the ether at 5.30 a.m. (G.M.T.) this morning from the Yankee Clipper, at present winging her way towards Southampton on a test trans-Atlantic flight.

It appears that the plane's cook was unable to solve this important problem, and asked for assistance from shore. He was immediately told to leave the egg for twelve minutes.

The machine reported its position as being at a point 2,698 kilometres from Baltimore, heading for Horta (Azores) at a speed of 269 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 2,530 metres. Visibility was excellent.—Havas.

Poland Preparing and Trusts Own Arms

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Warsaw, Mar. 27.

"We believe in Poland's military power, and have no delusions about external support," writes the newspaper "Kurzer Poranny." A meeting of patriotic associations was held throughout the country yesterday. Typical phrases in resolutions that were passed were:—"We are ready for every sacrifice for Poland" and "We will fight for Poland to the last drop of our blood."

Reports that Germany has made demands on Poland lack all confirmation, but it is thought that the military precautions being taken are inspired by the belief that pressure from the Reich for a revision of the status of Danzig may be expected. Poland is stated to be determined not to be taken by surprise. It is also stated that Poland is definitely opposed to any concessions of the Polish corridor, through which it has been suggested that the Reich might propose the building of a German highway.—Reuter.

No Conscription For Britain

Government Loath To Introduce Any Form of Compulsion

London, Mar. 27.

Political quarters here attach considerable importance to this morning's meeting at No. 10 Downing Street between Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, prominent Labour member of Parliament and Secretary of the Labour Party Research and Information Department.

Conversations between the Labour Party and the Government have been going on since the beginning of last week. Well-informed circles say the conversations pressage collaboration among all parties for the strengthening of national defence there is no question of the Labour opposition taking part in a reshuffled Cabinet under Mr. Chamberlain.

In the matter of conscription, it is pointed out here that several weeks ago Mr. Chamberlain undertook not to start any form of conscription in peace-time, but he may ask Parliament to relieve him of his word if circumstances so demanded. He would then, no doubt, consider not a conscription properly speaking but a form of militarized and compulsory national service.

No Crisis Anticipated

There is no intention of either moving to conscription or introducing even a compulsory National Register, semi-official quarters here stated yesterday. They asserted that Signor Mussolini's speech yesterday morning had eased rather than further embittered the international situation. If important political changes do occur or an emergency be considered imminent, the various aspects of conscription would probably be reviewed once again. Other steps such as inviting the Opposition to participate in a National Government, might then be taken.

According to well-informed private sources, the problem of conscription remains the chief preoccupation of the Cabinet.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, was stated to be absolutely in favour of conscription and has succeeded to a certain extent in converting the Prime Minister, Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, to his views. Sir Samuel Hoare and Sir John Simon, respectively Home Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer, are totally opposed to such a measure, emphasizing there are no precedents of a Government having triumphed at elections after having either instituted new or prolonged old periods of military service.

These preoccupations with electoral questions have so far prevented the Government from taking a definite decision either way, it was said.

It was understood that the Imperial Defence Committee, during its last session, pronounced itself in favour of a certain form of compulsory military service which would not be conscription. The Labour Party refuses any form of compulsory service under the Chamberlain Government.

A definite Government decision on this important question, informed circles concluded, will depend upon the development of international affairs and the increase or decrease of danger of war.—Havas.

Burgos Breaks Off Peace Parleys with Madrid

Republican Radio Announces Harsh Terms Offered ; Nationalist Campaign Opening

Madrid, Mar. 27.

THE Nationalists broke off negotiations with Madrid, Senor Juan del Rio, Secretary of the Republican National Defence Council, broadcast late last night in issuing latest news upon the parleys for this city's surrender. Earlier yesterday evening, Union Radio station announced that contact had been established between the Defence Council and General Francisco Franco for the immediate surrender of the Republican Air Forces. Senor Juan del Rio, who had made that earlier broadcast, now read telegrams exchanged by the Defence Council and the Nationalist authorities.

The first communication had been addressed by the Council to Burgos and read, "Tomorrow, Monday, we will send our Air Force to you in symbolical surrender." The Council sent a second telegram today, reading, "We are able to proceed with the surrender today, during the afternoon." In reply, Burgos sent a cable reading, "It is urgent that you should give up your arms owing to the imminence of our offensive, which has already begun on certain fronts. Instruct your troops to hoist the white flag." Senor del Rio then appealed to all Spaniards in the Republican zone to keep calm and to obey orders given by the Defence Council. It was in his second broadcast that Senor del Rio made his startling announcement on the rupture of parleys by Burgos.

The Nationalist reply to the conditions submitted by Madrid for a Republican surrender was made public in a radio broadcast here today. The four points unacceptable to Madrid, were:—

1. Officers and soldiers who only obeyed instructions to defend their country will be treated by Burgos as criminals.
2. Those who took part in the war in defence of their ideals will be considered as guilty of a crime.
3. No guarantee will be granted those who were active in political parties and were not in favour of the uprising on July 17, 1936, in other words all those who belonged to the various leftist parties from the moderate Republican Union to the Anarchist Iberic Federation.
4. No guarantee would be given as to the length of time which condemned men would remain in prison. The period is put down as "the time necessary for the guilty ones to repent."

The Nationalists had suddenly broken off negotiations after the Republicans had requested a brief respite in order to comply with Burgos' demand for the immediate surrender of Republican air forces, he stated.

Defence Measures Prepared

Owing to the imminence of the expected Franco offensive, the National Defence Council was taking active military measures, he added.

Madrid's surrender had been proposed to the Nationalists on the following terms, he repeated:

1. The Nationalist Government should respect the integrity of Spanish territory.
2. Participants in the civil war should be treated with the maximum possible consideration.
3. No reprisals should be taken against these people, who should be judged solely by the normal courts of justice.
4. The lives, freedom and interests of members of the Army and of militiamen should be spared.
5. The lives, freedom and interests of civil servants should receive similar treatment.
6. A period of 25 days grace should be given all Republican personalities wishing to leave Spain.
7. Italian and Moorish troops should be withdrawn from Spain.

Nationalist Conditions

In reply, Burgos forwarded its own conditions for the Republican surrender. It granted permission to leave the country to all who wished to do so and gave assurances in respect of the guarantees requested by the National Defence Council. Then, suddenly, Burgos broke off parleys, Sr. del Rio asserted.

He explained that the order to break off parleys had been given the Nationalist plenipotentiaries at 6 p.m. yesterday, when the Republican delegates were asked to return within their lines. This order had followed a demand for the immediate symbolical surrender of Republican air force between 3 and 6 p.m. on Saturday and Madrid's reply asking a brief respite owing to the impossibility of meeting this condition.

In concluding his broadcast, Sr. del Rio stated, "We hereby proclaim, before all Spaniards and the whole world, that the Nationalist regime is entirely responsible for thus prolonging the carnage that has ravaged Spain for more than two years.

"We declare that our conduct was always such as to permit peace negotiations and that our efforts were always directed towards this objective."—Havas.

Appeal for Surrender

Burgos, Mar. 26.

An appeal from the Nationalist Headquarters to the people in the Republican zone to surrender without attempting to resist, was broadcast today by Radio National at 3 p.m. today.

The Republicans were assured of Nationalist "gendrosity towards all those who, without having committed any crimes, were tricked and thus dragged into the conflict.

"Neither the fact of having served in the Red Army, nor the fact of having been an ordinary member of political parties opposed to the Nationalist movement, will be held as crimes."

The appeal emphasized the futility of any further resistance and stated, "We will hold you responsible for any more useless resistance and we shall demand a full rendering of account for the blood that will then have been spilt in vain. If you wish to avoid still greater misfortune and to save the lives of your innocent soldiers, hoist the white flag."—Havas.

Madrid Admits Defeats

Madrid, Mar. 26.

An official communique on the hostilities along the Estremadura front stated this evening, "The enemy commenced this morning an offensive supported by a great amount of war materials, and they succeeded in occupying several of our positions in the Pozoblanco sector."—Havas.

Salamanca Claims Successes

Salamanca, Mar. 26.

Nationalist troops in Andalusia broke through the Republican front at several points in the Cordoba sector and advanced 40 kilometres, an official Headquarters communique asserted his evening. These forces occupied a large number of villages, including Hinosa del Duque and Pozoblanco.

"During the fighting," the communique added, "full battalions of the Red forces, including the officers, hoisted the white flag and surrendered to our troops. The number of prisoners-of-war taken was about 10,000."—Havas.

Japan May Submit To Soviet View

Compromise Expected Over Fisheries Lots And Auction Issues

Moscow, Mar. 26.

Soviet-Japanese agreement on the thorny fisheries problem is now in sight following today's new interview between the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinov, and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigenori Togo, an informed Japanese source revealed this evening.

Fine progress in the solution of the problem was made during today's meeting of the two men, it was stated, as conversations took place in a friendly atmosphere.

An accord in principle was reached on certain outstanding points, but Mr. Togo is referring matters to Tokyo before adopting any decisions, the same source asserted.

Another meeting between M. Litvinov and the Japanese envoy will take place tomorrow, the appointment having been made by the Soviet Foreign Commissar, it was added.—Havas.

Temporary Solution Seen

Moscow, Mar. 26.

Japanese circles here hope that the controversy would be settled in time for them to participate in the second auction of fishery lots at Vladivostok on April 3. Under the informal arrangement the Japanese would be allowed to bid without any competition for some 260 lots. Japanese sources said. The basic rents on the lots, however, would be raised, they indicated.

If the arrangements are not complete in time, the Japanese hope the second auction will be postponed for a few days and they expect that two, or at least three, conversations between M. Litvinov and Mr. Togo would clear up the matter for another year.

The main point of the controversy at present was the Soviet desire to substitute other lots for 37 lots in which the Japanese formerly fished but which have been closed by the Soviet authorities for strategic reasons. The Soviet Union has offered, it was understood, seven lots in exchange and of approximately equal value, leaving thirty lots the subject of the present dispute.

In the first auction of fishery lots held at Vladivostok on March 15, only four out of 293 lots offered were purchased by Soviet interests. No Japanese attended the auction, which was not recognized by the Japanese Government.—United Press.

Eight Killed in U.S. Airliner Crash

Pilot, Co-pilot and Two Passengers Flung Clear

Oklahoma City, Mar. 27.

Eight persons were burned to death in the explosion of a Douglas airliner near here last night. The plane, a twin-motored commercial airliner, was proceeding to Dallas from Chicago after stopping here. Four persons survived when they were thrown out of the plane before the explosions.

Eye-witnesses of the crash said the plane appeared to have developed motor trouble six minutes after taking off from here. The plane started a swift glide to earth and the left wing dug a two-foot furrow in a wheat field, throwing the plane over against a barbed wire fence.

The pilot, co-pilot and two passengers were catapulted through the windows to safety while the remaining eight passengers were burned to death in three explosions which followed the forced landing.—United Press.

Polish Army Prepares

Warsaw, Mar. 27.

Military preparations here continue, but are surrounded with the greatest secrecy.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:
Sterling 8¼d. U.S.$ 16 1/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Mar. 27.

Quietly steady conditions prevailed in the London silver market today, with both positions recording a drop of ⅛d. from Saturday's levels.

	Mar. 25	Mar. 27
London spot	20d.	19 15/16d.
" forward	19 11/16d.	19⅝d.
" gold	148/5d.	148/5½d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$4.6821	$4.6831
One U.S. dollar	51.259d.	51.248d.

—Reuter.

Modernized Power Plants

Mr. Stucken's Lecture to Engineering Society; Conversion Methods Described

UNDER the auspices of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, China Branch, a paper on the "The Modernization of Industrial Power Plant" was given before members of the Engineering Society of China at the Park Hotel yesterday by Mr. S. Stucken B.A. A.M.I. Mech. E. A.M.I.E.E., Mr. G. Pickering M. I. Mech. E., M. I. Mar. E., occupied the chair.

The lecturer prefaced his remarks by pointing out that in textile mills erected in England in the latter half of the 19th century the power plant consisted mostly of huge slow speed reciprocating engines supplied with steam from batteries of Lancashire boilers.

This plant somewhat unfortunately was built to last almost indefinitely. Thus, in many cases, mill owners were reluctant to replace machinery which appeared to function quite satisfactorily by new plant which would give them greater economy or flexibility.

However, even the most massive machinery must, after 30 to 50 years' constant working, begin to fall to pieces, and the lecturer suggested that his remarks could be applied to any mill or factory where the prime movers could no longer be patched up and it was necessary to consider installing entirely new plant.

Conversions

Mill drive conversions could generally be classified under one or two of the following main headings:—

(a) Conversion of existing electrical large-group drives to smaller groups or individual drives.
(b) Conversion of existing Mechanical drive.
(c) Conversion to utilize process steam for Power generation.

The first class of conversion usually arose out of a desire to improve the efficiency of a mill where not all the units in the group were working at full load at the same time. The losses in transmitting power were almost constant, irrespective of load, and if the distances were very great, might amount to as much as one third of the full load output of the motor.

In the case of failure of the motor, where individual or small-group drive was adopted the area affected by the shutdown was limited.

The squirrel cage motor was cheaper and less complicated than the slip-ring motor, and could be used in practically every case where starting torque requirements permitted and constant speed only was required. Totally-enclosed protection should be specified wherever the atmosphere was heavily laden with dirt or fluff.

Mechanical Drives

Where the starting torque required was greater than that obtainable with squirrel cage motors operated by reduced voltage starters, slip-ring motors would need to be specified, and to reduce cost, pipe-ventilated motors might be used provided the trunking required was not too long.

In dealing with the conversion of mechanical drives, the author pointed out that, in considering the replacement of rope races by electric motors driven by power obtained from public supply or from a private turbo alternator unit, one should not lose sight of the fact that, unless the power had to be transmitted a long way, mechanical drive was fundamentally more efficient than electric drive. In view of this, it should be considered whether or not some portion of the mechanical drive could not with advantage be retained.

A number of possible arrangements were dealt with and difficulties described, bearing in mind that one of the major considerations faced when arranging for a change-over from a reciprocating engine to steam turbine drive was in the provision for the minimum possible shut-down time.

In dealing with conversions to utilize process steam for power generation, the lecturer gave comparative costs for power generated by back-pressure and condensing turbines.

A Useful Scheme

The cheapest form of reducing turbine was that where the steam was simply passed through a back pressure turbine, and the ideal condition was where the electrical power generated in doing so was exactly absorbed by the mill; such a condition, however, obviously never occurred in practice, and it was usually necessary to consider the more complicated form of turbine, that is, the "pass-out" type, if constant steam pressure was required in the process mains.

An alternative existed to the controlled-pressure pass-out turbo-alternator catering for the whole of the mill demand, but this had not yet been worked to any appreciable extent. This alternative consisted of working, at mills, where both process steam and electrical power was required, small individual unit back pressure turbo alternator sets in parallel with public supply. These units could be installed conveniently near to the process steam demand, thereby avoiding steam transmission losses, expense in distribution piping and lagging, and the necessity for a cooling water supply.

If the equipment were properly specified, manufactured and maintained, from the point of view of economic planning and the most efficient method of obtaining a maximum amount of useful heat per pound of coal, this would seem to be a useful scheme to adopt, bearing in mind the fact that as far as condenser sets were concerned, the small unit could not compare in thermal efficiency to the large ones now installed in all public undertakings.

Chinese Urged to Leave Employers

Advertisements in Nanking Papers Assure Allowances; Anti-British Agitation

Spokesmen at the Japanese press conference yesterday, said that they knew nothing of advertisements which had recently appeared in the Nanking "Hsin Pao," one of the two Chinese dailies at present being published in the former capital, in which all Chinese in the employ of foreign firms and Consulates were urged to leave their employers and were informed that they would be the recipients of allowances which would enable them to cover their living expenses. One of the spokesmen, however, said that he would study this report and would try to obtain details as to the origin of these advertisements.

A correspondent asked whether the spokesmen had any reference on anti-British agitation at present being carried on in Nanking and received a reply in the negative.

Many Protests Sent

In referring to the numerous protests that had been despatched to the Japanese authorities by Third Powers in recent times, concerning the continuous bombing on the part of the Japanese air force, of foreign property in the interior, a correspondent asked whether the reports that the Japanese thus wanted to drive out Third Powers interests from China, were correct. A spokesman said that these allegations were malicious and that in recent days only one protest had been received from the United States with regard to the bombing of American property in Ichang but that this protest had not yet been answered as investigations were still proceeding.

"There is not the slightest intention among the Japanese authorities to resort to bombing to drive out the interests of other nations from China The spokesman added, if he Japanese Government had such intentions, would it have reopened to third-party shipping the main harbour of Tsingtao?"

When the correspondent said that at least four American protests had been dispatched since Sunday, the spokesman said that to the best of his knowledge, only one had been received and that it was possible that the others had been sent to Hankow from which city, however, he had heard nothing concerning this matter.

Questioned with regard to the alleged sinking of the Fengyang Maru on March 12, when two Chinese military planes were reported to have attacked three military transports and a Japanese warship between Nanking and Kiukiang, the naval spokesman said that this report was devoid of any truth as there had been no Chinese aerial activity along the Yangtze, within the past few months. He added however that it was possible that Japanese planes, engaged in manœuvres, may have been seen along the river.

Boycott Advocated

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wusih, Mar. 23.

The various steam launch companies are being bought up by the Japanese and incorporated into a single company, with headquarters in Shanghai, under the name of Shanghai Inland Steam Launch Co.

The only remaining daily paper in Wusih is, naturally, pro-Japanese in character, and is now publishing anti-British propaganda, urging the boycott of British goods.

It must, in fairness, be stated that excellent order prevails inside the city. Business continues to recover slowly, but taxes in the city and the high cost of transportation of goods cut down profits very drastically, and the merchants are not too prosperous. The etiquette enforced at the city gates prevents people from coming into the city, unless on urgent business. Guerillas restrict the amount of rice coming into the city, because doing so will cause a shortage in the country.

Japanese control exists over an area of about five miles in width along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, on each side of which the country is fully under Chinese control, and no taxes can be levied by the Japanese. The guerillas, however, keep the country people from feeling neglected in this respect.

Herr Hitler in Munich On Surprise Visit

Thousands Hurriedly Summoned to Cheer

Munich, Mar. 27.

Chancellor Adolf Hitler arrived here by surprise early yesterday morning for the first visit to his favourite city since his triumphs in Czecho-Slovakia and Memel.

Departing from Berlin early yesterday morning, the Chancellor arrived here at 11 a.m., catching the city by complete surprise. Nazi leaders quickly distributed handbills and made radio announcements of the Chancellor's arrival and thousands of cheering Nazis were called to the streets on short notice to cheer Herr Hitler as he drove down Prince Regent Street to his official residence.—United Press.

Sir Maurice Peterson to Leave for Burgos

London, Mar. 27.

Sir Maurice Peterson, the newly-appointed British Ambassador to Nationalist Spain, will leave for Burgos this week. Sir Maurice was received this morning by Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.—Havas.

Monarchy for Syria Now Rumoured

Opposition Leader Said In Favour of Move

Beirut, Mar. 27.

Referring to rumours of the establishment of a monarchy in Syria, the French paper "Orient" says that the Syrian Opposition leader, Dr. Shabander, who recently left for Egypt, had played an important role in that question.

Numerous Syrian politicians had assented to the plan because a monarchical form of government corresponds more than any others to the mentality of oriental peoples, especially of the Syrians. The presence of the uncle of King Ghazi of Irak, Emir Zeid, had given a new impetus to rumours that Emir Ali Abdillah had been selected as a candidate to the Syrian throne.—Trans-Ocean.

Soldiers' Families Sail for the East

Scene at the depot as members of British soldiers' families, about to sail for the East in the new troopship Ettrick from Southampton, were fitted with topees and other tropical gear.

French Police Nab Armed Robbers

Series of Swift Raids Result in Arrest of 26; Two Pistols Seized

Acting swiftly after having obtained information, various Concession police raiding parties arrested 23 men and three women, who are all believed to have been responsible for a large number of hitherto unsolved armed robberies perpetrated both in the Concession and the Settlement. Two pistols and fifteen rounds of ammunition were also seized, and ballistic experts have been able to ascertain that these pistols are known to the police, and have been used in various armed hold-ups.

A first raid was carried out shortly after 9 p.m. on Sunday and resulted in the arrest of seven men and one woman in room 32 of the Tseng Kiang Di Gni Hotel at 315 Avenue Edward VII. An hour later, a party of detectives surrounded House No. 5 in a lane off Yunnan Road where another two members, of what is believed to be one and the same gang, were apprehended. At exactly the same moment, another police party arrested four men and one woman in room 421 of the Asia Hotel, 135 Avenue Edward VII.

At about 2 a.m. yesterday, a lodging house in Pao Yu alleyway off Rue Hué was visited, and six more suspects were arrested, amongst them being a woman. A careful search of the rooms occupied by these persons, revealed that a pistol had been hung unto a nail outside one of the windows. Six rounds of ammunition were found in the magazine.

Another raid was carried out in a lodging house on Rue Wantz, early yesterday morning and five persons were apprehended whilst a pistol and nine rounds of ammunition were seized.

Several Alleged Confessions

In all cases, the raids were carried out with such despatch that the armed robber suspects and their helpers were unable to put up any resistance.

Whilst they were being questioned and although investigations are not nowhere near completion, it was reliably learned yesterday that a number of those at present under detention, had admitted having taken part in various armed hold-ups. The women, it was understood, actually were members of the gang, their part in the various robberies being to carry the pistols from the respective hide-outs to the contemplated scenes of armed robberies.

It was expected that the 26 suspects would face the Second Special District Court today and that they would be detained for two weeks to enable the police to conclude their investigations.

Recent raids in which alleged armed robbers were arrested and are now being questioned by both in the Settlement and the Concession, seem to have borne fruit inasmuch that on at least two days during the past week, not a single armed robbery was perpetrated. The number of armed robberies committed in the present month, compare favourably with those for the same time last year, being considerably fewer in number.

Influx Into Shanghai From Japan

Two Ships Bring Twelve Hundred Passengers

Two Japanese vessels on Sunday brought to Shanghai 1,279 persons to set a record for mass arrivals in this port, the "Tairiku Shimpo," local Japanese daily, reported yesterday. They were the Nagasaki-Shanghai express ferry, Shanghai Maru, which tied up at the O.S.K. Yangtszepoo Wharf at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and the m.v. Kamakura Maru, the former Chichibu Maru, which made its first appearance here since 1937 at 3.20 o'clock, mooring at the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf.

Aboard the Kamakura Maru were 855 passengers, 20 in excess of the vessel's total capacity. With the exception of 45 who are Hongkong-bound, all disembarked in Shanghai. The Shanghai Maru brought 134 first class and 335 third-class passengers.

Included among the Shanghai Maru's passengers were Ennosuke Ichikawa, well-known Japanese actor, and his troupe of 62 players and stage hands. Accompanying her husband, Danshiro Ichikawa, a member of the group, was the former Miss Sanae Takasugi, well-known Japanese screen actress.

Also aboard was Japan's tallest man, Chosenborn Fuki Kim, who stands 7 feet 8½ inches in his stockinged feet, each of which measure 15 inches in length. He will visit Japanese troop encampments.

M. Bahadori, Chargé d'Affaires of Iran in Japan also arrived in Shanghai in the Shanghai Maru. He will stay in Shanghai for about a month, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo."

AN as yet unidentified Chinese general who was recuperating in a hospital in Chungking was shot and killed by an assassin on the night of March 24, says a Chungking report to the "Wen Wei Pao." The motive of the shooting remains unknown, the report states.

Much Shipping Noted This Week

P. & O. Canton Leaving Today; Coolidge Here on Friday

Three Blue Funnel liners will have called at Shanghai this week. The ss. Philocetes which arrived yesterday from Liverpool and way ports sails today for Kobe and Yokohama. The ss. Ixion will leave Shanghai on Thursday for Hongkong. The ss. Eurybates, from New York, is to arrive and will sail on Friday for Japan ports.

The last tender for the P. & O. liner Canton, sailing today for Marseilles, Gibraltar and London, via Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Cochin, Aden, Port Sudan, Suez, Port Said and Malta, leaves the Customs Jetty at 10.30 a.m. Hand packages only being accepted on the tender.

The N.D.L. liner, Potsdam, which arrives in Shanghai today, will leave port tomorrow for Genoa, Southampton, Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Belawan, Colombo and Port Said. Passengers may embark in the tender, Scot I, which leaves the Customs Jetty at 11 a.m., or between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon they may embark directly at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Broadway.

The all-electric luxury liner, ss. President Coolidge of the American President Lines, will arrive from Los Angeles and San Francisco, via Honolulu, Yokohama and Kobe on Friday berthing at buoys 11 and 12.

Passengers by tender will arrive at the Customs Jetty at 11.30 a.m. The President Coolidge will sail for Hongkong and Manila at 6 a.m. on Saturday, the last tender leaving the Customs Jetty at 1 a.m.

Rather Be a Gambler Than a "Puppet"

Ex-Official's Excuse to Judge At District Court

Reports that registration of gambling houses in the Western district is to be enforced and that some of the larger establishments will absorb smaller establishments is forcing gambling in Shanghai to seek another avenue of activity.

Tan Ying, a former minor official of the Bureau of Finance of the former Shanghai City Government has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the First Special District because he had been directing a branch Wah Wei gambling house in the Settlement in his home at 1254 Bubbling Well Road. When the police visited his home during the week-end he and a friend were arrested and 156 gambling lottery tickets seized. He explained to the judge that in order to avoid going over to the "puppet" administration and becoming a traitor he had chosen gambling as a profession. A gambler is better than a puppet official anyway, he said. His friend was acquitted.

Liu Yu-ling, a jobless opium smoker was caught in the later part of last week in his house in Lane 332 Seymour Road which he recently transformed into a branch gambling office. He lured people to his house to gamble and a surprise visit paid to him by the Bubbling Well police resulted in the arrest of seven persons including Liu. While Liu was sentenced to one year and two months imprisonment charged with both directing a gambling house and smoking opium, the others were fined $15 or sentenced to two months' or five months' imprisonment.

A raid conducted by the police in a Chinese hotel at 69 Yu Ya Ching Road also during the week-end resulted in the arrest of 21 gamblers who were playing the "Bai Chiu" game in a fourth floor room. Among the arrested persons one is a hotel waiter who secretly informed the gamblers of the presence of police.

Another raid at House No. 9 Lane 139 Taku Road resulted in the arrest of 20 other gamblers also busy at a "Bai Chiu" game. The arrest of these 41 gamblers has enabled the court to get a substantial income in the form of fines for 39 of them were fined $40 or $50. Two persons directing the gambling establishments were sentenced to two months' and five months' imprisonment but their prison terms can be converted into fines reckoned on the basis of $3 for a day's imprisonment.

Boys' Billiard Trophy Presented

At a pleasant social gathering at the Mission to Seaman building in Canton Road on Saturday evening, Capt. F. R. Barry, commander of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, presented a cup donated by the Rev. F. W. Weaver, Chaplain of the Mission, for a billiard handicap for the boys aboard the British cruiser. The competition has been in progress since the ship entered port.

Represented at the presentation were a large number of merchant seamen from the ss. Barbara Marie and representatives from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's coastal steamers as well as many naval men.

The ladies of the Harbour Lights Guild were in charge of the catering and a generous tea was provided. Dancing and games followed, the evening culminating with a sumptuous supper.

Jewish Refugee Milk Fund Exhausted

Two Gala Variety Shows To be Held at Lyceum

The committee in charge of Jewish refugee children, of whom some 300 are at present in Shanghai, is considerably worried as all the money thus far received for the purpose of supplying these mites with the requisite amount of milk which they require as an item in their daily diet, has now been spent, it was learned yesterday.

Additional outlays which will have to be met in the near future are necessaries, shoes and in particular summer clothing. Most of these children arrived here in the autumn and winter and none of them are equipped for Shanghai's hot season.

The generous donations thus far received from Shanghai residents having now been completely drained, it has been decided to hold two gala variety shows at the Lyceum Theatre on May 16 and 17 at which Shanghai's amateurs will do their best to make the affairs outstanding social events. Mr. Francis G. Gmehling, who has so successfully produced a large number of plays for the A.D.C. during the past few years has kindly consented to give his services gratuitously both in the producing and selection of a programme, which, it is understood, is to be something quite new for Shanghai, in that the show will be continuous with but a short intermission, whilst most of the turns will be performed by one or two persons only. Details about the actual programme have not been released yet, as Mr. Gmehling is still selecting from amongst the many professional and amateur artists who have offered to appear.

Mr. Henry H. Cohen will be in charge of business arrangements for these two soirees, whilst Mr. W. H. Widdowson has kindly consented to assist Mr. Gmehling. Mr. I. E. Roberts of Thomson & Co., has generously offered to audit the accounts and those in charge of arrangements hope that their efforts to rally to the aid of a most deserving cause, will receive the support of the Shanghai public.

Auto Palace Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting

Satisfactory Year's Work Reported by Chairman

The favourable effect of the fall of the local dollar on the company's trading was referred to at the eighth annual meeting of the Auto Palace Co., Ltd., which was held yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. The Chairman (Mr. G. E. Marden) presided and total shares represented were 37,935.

In his speech the Chairman said: It is a pleasant duty to report such a satisfactory state of affairs as is shown by he balance sheet before you, and the company's position is so fully set out therein that there is little upon which I can usefully comment.

The substantial balance shown by the profit & loss account is due firstly to the opportunity which, as your directors reported to you last year, presented itself to provide service to our old clients by carrying on operations in Hongkong; and secondly, to the favourable effect of the fall in the exchange value of the local dollar. It would be a mistake to suppose that equally favourable results will be apparent when you are next addressed in general meeting but your directors have every reason to hope that you will not be dissatisfied.

During the year, as circumstances warranted, interim dividends were declared by the board and, I hope, appreciated by shareholders. Ample provision has been made in the accounts for all contingencies which can be foreseen and you will, I am sure, be pleased to know that the services of the staff and their contribution towards the year's results have been suitably recognised by the board.

Your managing director, who proceeded on home leave last July, has just returned refreshed. Mr. Tomlinson occupied a seat on the board during his absence and carried on very satisfactorily.

That the Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31 1938, as audited and certified by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved and adopted. Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. F. R. Davey.

That the allocations recommended by the directors in their report to pay a dividend of $2.00 per share and to carry forward $106,489.88 be and are hereby approved. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Davey.

That Dr. J. Edgar and Mr. W. R. McBain retire by rotation, and being eligible be and are hereby re-elected directors. Proposed by Mr. E. A. Berthet and Seconded by Mr. J. Henry.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be and are hereby re-elected auditors. Proposed by Mr. J. Henry, and seconded by Mr. E. A. Berthet.

MEMBERSHIP of the Order of Merit, to which Sir James Jeans and Lord Chatfield have been admitted, is limited to 24. Actually the number of members is always fewer. The Order, so deeply appreciated by those who receive it, carries no title and no precedence.

J.R.C. Budget Totals Record Sum

Giving its approval to a record-breaking budget of Y.1,241,719, the Assembly of the Japanese Residents in Shanghai closed its four-day 32nd annual session at 9.35 o'clock on Sunday night. The funds will be used by the local Japanese Residents' Corporation for administrative purposes as well as the construction and maintenance of schools, the expansion of its clinic, and other activities.

Long Fight Against Tropical Diseases

Four Recipients Receive Mary Kingsley Medal

The Mary Kingsley medal, highest award of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, was presented recently on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the School, to four recipients and one honorary recipient.

Those receiving the medal were Professor Emile Brumpt, Emeritus Professor W. S. Patton, Dr. Marshall Albert Barber, Professor Werner Schulemann, and Lady Danson (honorary). Viscount Leverhulme, Chairman of the School, in making the presentations, referred to the notable work in tropical medicine carried out by the recipients.

He also referred to the founding of the Mary Kingsley medal in 1904 to commemorate the work of Miss Mary Kingsley, niece of Charles Kingsley, the famous novelist, in promoting the welfare of natives in West Africa. The qualification for the award, he added, was service in the cause of preventing and fighting disease in the tropics.

Lady Danson, the honorary recipient, is the widow of Sir Francis Danson, a former Chairman of the School and one of its founders. Dr. Barber, who was given the award for his studies of the habits of mosquitoes and methods of destroying them, was born at Crown Point, India, and has been connected with the Rockefeller Foundation for many years.

A native of Paris, Professor Brumpt has travelled all over the world during his work, having been to China on several occasions. Possessing a distinguished medical record, he has become noted for his work in malarial research and parasiteology. A record of twenty years of labour in India, the land of his birth, is possessed by Professor Patton, who received the award for his investigations into the diseases prevalent in that country.

The last recipient, Professor Werner Schulemann, is a native of Silesia, and was a former member of the great German chemical firm of Bayer, rising to be director of that firm's pharmacological laboratories at Elberfeld. He received the medal for his contributions towards stamping out malaria and other tropical diseases.

Eleven Houses Are Destroyed by Fire

No Casualties in Early Morning Blaze

Eleven Chinese dwellings were reduced to a heap of ashes in a fastly spreading fire which broke out at No. 296 Boulevard des Deux Républiques at 3.26 a.m. yesterday, and French fire fighters only left the scene twelve hours later.

Fanned by a strong wind, the fire soon spread to ten adjoining houses thus rendering some 250 people homeless, but fortunately, no casualties were reported, notwithstanding the fact that all inmates of the houses must have been asleep at the time.

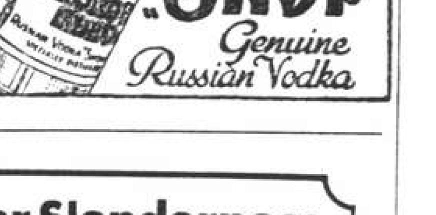
All machines from Poste Joffre turned out to the conflagration and, upon finding that the fire seemed out of control, two additional stations were asked to assist, and the combined efforts of nearly the entire Concession brigade, brought the blaze under control some two and a half hours later, when a number of engines left, whilst a guard remained and poured water on the débris until 4 p.m. yesterday.

Trotsky's Grandchild Disappears in Paris

Paris, Mar. 27.

Great mystery surrounds the disappearance of thirteen-year-old Vsevolod Volkow, grandson of M. Leon Trotsky, exiled Bolshevik leader and the world's foremost living Marxist. Several weeks ago the child was spirited away from a Paris hospital to which he had been admitted as a patient.

The latest development in the strange affair, which is being followed with great interest in the Paris press, occurred yesterday, when the boy's former governess stated she had been authorized by M. Trotsky to bring his grandchild to Mexico, where the exile now has his home, so that he might attend to the boy's upbringing.—Trans-Ocean.



Catholic Federation Annual Meeting

Considerable Activity Noted Despite Conditions

The annual meeting of the Catholic Federation was held after the last mass on Sunday. After the passing of the accounts Rev. Father Macdonald, who was in the chair, gave a short resume of the work done during the past year. In spite of the very unsettled state of Shanghai considerable activity has been seen in the Federation.

A very active branch of the Federation has been the Poor Relief Section which is run by a small group of ladies of the Parish. They have distributed $1,721.19 during the year. Of this amount $280 was received from the Caisse des Œuvres and the Race Club, $888.37 from the poor box and the remainder from the Federation. The poor box receipts have been very gratifying being $242.38 more than last year. Besides this they have distributed 987 articles of clothing. This is a very worthwhile work and members were urged to continue to remember the poor box and to bring in any clothing that they can spare or collect. Another phase of poor relief has been the making of articles of warm clothing by a group of American ladies who have worked in their homes and sent their work in to be distributed.

A Parish Library

Early in the season tennis was organized and proved very successful. In spite of the dissolution of the Club Section after the troubles of 1937, the Committee were able to provide the refreshments as well as the necessary changing rooms which go towards making tennis either a success or a failure and it is hoped that next summer more members will think of the Federation courts before going elsewhere.

Last June the English books from St. Joseph's Library in Rue Montauban, about 3,000, were offered to the Parish. The Federation agreed to combine their library with this gift and form a Parish Library and there is now a very excellent Library which will be improved as opportunity offers. It is free to members of the Federation and other members of the Parish will be charged a small subscription.

On June 12 the annual "At Home" was held and was without a doubt a great success. In spite of the rather wet weather nearly 150 people attended.

A branch of the work of the Federation which perhaps may go unnoticed is the Catholic Truth Society. This work is financed by the Federation and the pamphlets are carefully chosen and arranged by members of the Committee. This is an excellent way for the Parish Literature.

Precautionary Measures Being Enforced Today

No Trouble Expected on "Ta Tao" Anniversary

Today being the first anniversary of the "Reformed Government," the Shanghai Municipal and Concession Police forces have taken precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incident or terrorist outrages which may have been planned. These special measures are being enforced from 7 a.m. and will, it is believed, be cancelled at midnight although they may be carried on should there be any reason to fear other incidents.

Additional search-parties will be on Settlement streets today in addition to the regular search parties and pedestrians as well as vehicles are likely to be stopped.

Japan's Cabinet will soon be strengthened when the Premier, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, will fill two vacant porfolios in the Overseas and Communications Ministries now concurrently held by the Commerce Minister Mr. Yoshiaki Hatta, and the Justice Minister Mr. Suehiko Shiono, respectively, the "Asahi" newspapers reported. Mr. Harumachi Tanabe, Chief Secretary of the Cabinet will join the Hiranuma Cabinet as a Minister, while Prince Ayamaro Konoye will retain his office of Minister without Portfolio although he desires to resign at the earliest opportunity.

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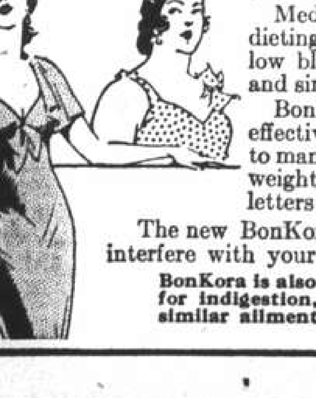
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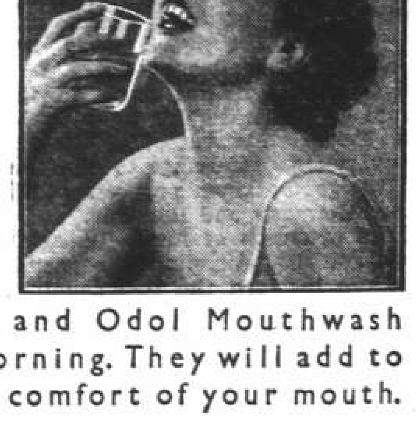
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Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8¼	$ 29.09
U.S. $100 @ 16 1/16	$622.57

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/16	$28.872
U.S. $100 @ 16¼	$615.38
London—demand	8 5/16
4 months' sight credits	8 11/32
4 months' sight docts	8 11/32
6 months' sight credits	8⅜
6 months' sight docts	8 7/16
New York—demand	U.S. $16¼
4 months' sight credits	16 5/16
4 months' sight credits	16 7/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts	Fcs. 626

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling	8¼	U.S.	$16 3/32
Hongkong/London			1/2⅞

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @	$625.00
Hongkong $55⅛	$100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying	30¾
Java Guilders	„	30¾
Netherlands Guilders	Selling	30¼
Java Guilders	„	30⅛

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$615.384	£1=$28.872
Selling	U.S.$100=$622.568	£1=$29.091

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.95½=$1 Belgas 27.70=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 3.00=$1	Swiss Frs. 0.71½=$1
Tourist Lire 3.32	$1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 39¾
$100=Reg. Mk. 75.00
incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8 17/64	8 17/64
U.S. G$	16⅛	16⅛
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING			BUYING
Cash		Mar.-Apr.	
£ T.T.	8¼	4 m/s. l.c.	8 5/16
G.$ T.T.	16 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	16¼
Fcs. T.T.	607	4 m/s.	619
Rs. T.T.	45⅞	15 d/s.	46¼

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London pence per std. oz.	20	19 11/16
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London silver was unchanged both ready and forward, being 20.- for ready and 19 11/16 forward. New York was unquoted and Bombay was unchanged at 52.09.

It was reported business very small. Market quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8¼ sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was very quiet and very little business was done. The market opened and closed with sellers at:—

8¼	Sterling	16 3/32	U.S.$	Mar.
8¼	„	16 1/16	„	Apr.
8 15/64	„	16 1/32	„	May

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

In spite of the Monday cash settlement, fairly active conditions were experienced on the Stock Exchange. Interest was centred in Wheelocks, Ewos, Trams and Loans. The former advanced sharply to $36 continuing to meet with investment demand. Ewos, offer advancing to $20½ met increased profit taking which was accentuated by a fall in yarn values. This market closed with buyers at $20 and sellers at $20.10.

Trams were in steady demand and all offerings around 40 found keen buyers.

Rubber shares were inactive except for Anglo-Javas which changed hands at $15.50.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Changes
154.37	105.32	General	145.12	+0.18
152.40	95.55	Rubbers	144.31½	+1.02

Total 39,933 shares, 70 bonds.

Morning Session

₮7,000 China Realty 8% Debs.	₮ 55.00
200 Anglo Java	$ 15.50
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
300 Wheelock	35.50
200 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.40
1,000 New Eng. (Ord)	6.95
500 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.50
300 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.30
900 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.40
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.30
400 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.40
200 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.50
1,400 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.40
1,000 S'hai Loan	6.15
1,400 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.30
2,500 S'hai Loan	6.20
2,000 Wheelock	36.00
1,000 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.30
1,500 Exploration	8.30
2,800 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
100 S. & H. Wharf	202.00
1,400 Tram (Bearer) £1	40.00
1,500 S'hai Loan	6.15
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
200 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
300 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
800 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10

ODD LOTS

300 S'hai Loan	$ 6.10
200 Int. Assurance	8.45

Afternoon Session

1,000 Anglo Java	$ 15.50
20 S'hai Power (Pref)	128.50
3,400 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.20
500 S'hai Loan	6.15
1,000 Wheelock	36.00
1,000 Exploration	8.35
1,500 Exploration	8.30
500 S'hai Gas	10.10
500 S'hai Gas	10.20
50 S'hai Telephone	77.00
1,000 I. I. Trust	3.60
500 S'hai Land	9.15
300 Wheelock	35.75
500 Yangtsze Finance	6.35
100 Wheelock	35.75
20 Union Insurance	Hk$470.00
50 S. & H. Wharf	$203.00
3,500 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00

ODD LOTS

200 Langkat	$ 9.50*
200 S'hai Loan	6.00*
200 Exploration	8.15*
50 Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.30
8 S'hai Telephone	76.00
35 S. & H. Wharf	203.50

*—Outport Business.

The Economic Outlook

A Downward Trend in Industrial Activity In First Half of Year is Likely

THE view is widely held that the trend of industrial activity is likely to be downwards in the first half of the current year, but that business will improve after the summer under the combined influence of increased rearmament expenditure and recovery across the Atlantic. This view postulates that the increase in defence expenditure will tend to offset any possible further shrinkage in civil activity and that recovery in the United States will, in fact, continue, and, by lifting commodity prices, stimulate world trade and, hence, British exports. How far do the latest developments justify this, certainly reasonable, forecast?, asks Walter Hill in "The Financial News."

Statistical evidence relating to production, employment and foreign trade in January is not yet available. The current trend of business, therefore, has to be appraised in the light of the facts relating mostly to December and of the less precise indications of the course of events in January.

The general level of business activity, as measured by "The Economist" index, is about 10 per cent. lower than it was a year ago. Between November and December the index (which is adjusted for seasonal variations) fell from 101½ (1935-100) to 100½, the lowest figure since October, 1935.

The picture provided by the employment and unemployment figures, on the other hand, is more reassuring. The number of insured persons employed in Great Britain rose from 11,428,000 on November 14 to 11,452,000 on December 12, an increase of 24,000; during the same period in 1937, the number of persons in employment fell by 136,000 to 11,444,000. The increase in employment between December, 1937, and December, 1938, however, was due to the fact that weather conditions were unfavourable to outdoor work on the day of the count in 1937. The number of registered unemployed in Great Britain last December was 1,831,000, an increase of 166,000 over the figures for 1937. Judged by these figures alone, the position last December was not much worse than a year earlier; but there are strong grounds for believing that they understate the extent of the deterioration during the past year, for there has been a tendency among business executives to shorten hours rather than to discharge employees, in so far as this has been possible.

Industrial Changes

Further analysis of the unemployment returns sheds more light on industrial changes since last year. Thus, unemployment among insured persons increased by 10 per cent. or more between December, 1937, and December, 1938, in iron ore and ironstone mining, in pig-iron production and steel smelting, and in tinplate manufacture. Increases between 5 per cent. and 10 per cent. were registered in the cases of coke ovens, tools and cutlery, bolts, nuts and screws, cotton textiles and rayon yarn manufacture. Branches of activity showing decreases in unemployment during the past year include the following: Stone and slate quarrying, explosives, motors and aircraft, shipbuilding and repairing, electric cable and apparatus, woollen and worsted, linen, jute, hemp, hosiery, lace, carpets, leather tanning, tailoring and the clothing trades, except dressmaking, drink and tobacco, building and contracting (mainly because the weather was unfavourable in 1937), linoleum, musical instruments and local Government service.

Although these figures provide only a rough guide to industrial changes, their implications are clear. There has been a severe shrinkage of activity in the iron and steel and some of the related trades during the past year. In 1937 these trades were producing heavily for stock; the adjustment of supplies to demand has, therefore, involved a drastic cut in output. In December the demand for steel sank to the lowest level for years, because, in view of the price reductions at the beginning of this year, consumers naturally only took delivery of such materials as they actually required in that month.

The industries in which unemployment in December was actually smaller than a year earlier include those with a heavy stake in rearmament and a surprisingly large number of consumption goods, especially textiles. The retail trade returns for December, which showed an increase of 1.9 per cent. in the average daily value of sales compared with a year earlier, confirmed the improvement in consumption goods trades revealed by the unemployment figures. In the great majority of trades, however, the proportion of insured persons unemployed rose by 1 to 5 per cent. during the past year.

The value of exports in December was 10.9 per cent. below the figure for the corresponding month in 1937; the decline was only slightly above the average for the past year, which amounted to 9.6 per cent. The fall was fairly general, but it was most marked in the case of textiles, iron and steel and chemicals. Machinery was the only item to show a sizable increase between December, 1937, and December, 1938.

Imports, on the other hand, showed a fall of 21.4 per cent. in value, compared with December, 1937, against an average of 10.4 per cent. for the year. The sharp fall in imports is scarcely encouraging, for it suggests at first sight that home consumption is still falling. The decline was most marked, and exceeded £1 million, in the case of grain, raw cotton, wood and timber, iron and steel, non-ferrous metals and dairy produce. Moreover, these heavy falls were not offset by increases in the imports of other items.

The value figures for imports and exports, however, are somewhat deceptive, especially in times like the present, when prices are rapidly changing. The Board of Trade's indices of the volume and average price of imports and exports, therefore, give a better indication of recent tendencies in foreign trade:—

VOLUME AND VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (1935=100)

	Retained imports Average price	Retained imports Volume	Domestic exports Average price	Domestic exports Volume
1929, 4th qtr.	148.7	113.1	123.2	137.8
1932, 4th qtr.	100.0	96.7	109.5	87.9
1937, 4th qtr.	120.4	127.7	113.2	112.8
1938, 1st qtr.	117.6	111.4	113.9	99.7
1938, 2nd qtr.	113.4	104.4	111.9	94.3
1938, 3rd qtr.	111.3	106.7	111.7	95.5
1938, 4th qtr.	106.8	112.4	111.1	105.0

These figures, calculated by the Board of Trade, show that, as a result of the fall in prices, the decline in the volume of imports and exports was much less marked than the drop in their value. Thus, between the last quarters of 1937 and 1938, the volume of imports and exports fell by 12 per cent. and 7 per cent. respectively. But while the increase in the volume of imports between the third and fourth quarters last year was slightly less than the usual seasonal movement, the rise in the volume of domestic exports was twice as heavy as usual, which is encouraging. The comparatively poor showing of imports, however, is partly due to the cautious buying policy of consumers during a period of falling prices.

If recovery in the United States continues, and if the movement is strong enough to arrest the fall in the prices of raw materials and semi-finished goods, which largely make up our imports, purchases will probably increase, while the consequent improvement in the purchasing power of overseas countries should stimulate our exports. Lately, however, the volume of new business secured by our export industries has been rather disappointing; and in the immediate future shipments are likely to fall rather than to rise.

Price Relationship

A somewhat less satisfactory feature of the trend of average import and export prices is the tendency of domestic exports to become dearer in relation to imports. Thus, between the fourth quarters of 1929 and 1937 the average price of domestic exports rose by about 13 per cent. relatively to that of imports; moreover, there was a further increase of 8 per cent, between the last quarters of 1937 and 1938. The increase in export relatively to import prices means that we obtain more imports per unit of exports or that we obtain them more cheaply. But this tendency also explains why exports never fully recovered from the depression, although the volume of imports in 1937 was appreciably higher than in 1929, and, partly, why we have lost ground in overseas markets to other exporting countries. A reduction in commission costs seems essential, therefore, if the export trade is to flourish again, though a marked rise in import prices would also help to correct the price disparity and raise the volume of exports.

The immediate prospect for an expansion in exports is not very favourable, despite the improvement in the last quarter; at home activity in the building industry is still downwards, and Sir John Simon's statement on the question of compensation for war damage is unlikely to reverse the trend by rendering property more attractive as an outlet for savings. Among other capital goods industries, the construction of merchant shipping tonnage also remains on the downgrade. On the other hand activity in the electrical equipment industry is likely to be maintained at a high level owing to the heavy expenditure on new equipment for the electricity supply industry. It is difficult to estimate with any degree of precision how far the decline in new capital expenditure for commercial purposes will be offset by increased armament expenditure. But defence expenditure is certain to be substantially increased, for there are indications that the Government is now more alive to the magnitude of its task. On the whole, however, the increase will probably not be sufficient fully to compensate for the fall in private activity in the near future.

The trend of general business activity, therefore, probably remains slightly downwards; but, judging by the latest evidence, the extent of the decline in coming months is likely to be comparatively moderate.

Annual Meeting of Sua Manggis Co.

Considerable Drop in Profits Shown Owing to Reduced Rubber Output

The annual meeting of the Sua Manggis Rubber Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at 49 Szechuen Road. Mr. A. J. Welch, chairman, presided, supported by Messrs J. E. Badeley and L. Kadoorie, directors, and Mr. W. A. Welch representing Messrs J. Wattie & Co., Ltd., Secretaries and General Managers. Shares present and represented totalled 27,905. The chairman in his speech said:—

The result of the working for the year is a profit of Ch.$9,042.10 as compared with a profit for the previous year of Ch.$65,024.84. This disappointing result is attributable to the fact that the output of Rubber was 65,200 lbs. smaller, whilst the receipts from sales of rubber were 3.45 pence per pound lower. The estate expenditure on Revenue Account, on the other hand, was two fifths of a penny per pound higher.

The expenditure on Capital account was Ch$581.37 for which sum a new bullock and a weighing machine were purchased. We are not faced with any heavy capital expenditure for either rebuilding or replanting in the immediate future.

The standard production for 1939 has been assessed provisionally at 258,000 lbs., which is an increase of 3,000 lbs. as compared with that for last year and is considered to be a reasonable allowance taking into account the yielding capacity of the Estate.

Estate Affairs

As regards planting matters, 10 acres of mature rubber have been cut out preparatory to re-planting which will be done when the appropriate period arrives.

The smaller output was entirely due to the operation of the Restriction Scheme. The yield per acre actually tapped being 469 lbs. as compared with 482 lbs. last year. It was only necessary to tap an average area of 356 acres in order to produce the amount of Rubber that it was permissible to export.

The standard of tapping is reported to be satisfactory and the rates of bark consumption and bark renewal are reported to be normal.

The supply of labour was ample for requirements and the force appears to be settled and contented. The health of the coolies, I am glad to say, continued to be satisfactory.

The Estate is reported to be free from lallang and other noxious growths and the cost of weeding per acre per month showed a reduction of 1 cent. Neither pests nor diseases gave any trouble during the year, such as were discovered yielding readily to treatment.

All the machinery was given the necessary attention and is reported to be in good order except for the old engine which is becoming somewhat expensive to run. The Buildings were maintained in a satisfactory state of repair and a new cement floor was laid in the factory.

Financial Position

Financially the company is in a moderately satisfactory position since, if you pass the dividend now recommended, it will start the new year with a surplus of liquid assets amounting to approximately Ch.$43,-800.—

It will later on be proposed that the directors' fees be increased from Ch.$839.16 per annum each to Ch.$850.—each. This small difference of $11.—per head is suggested in order to bring the fee to a round figure.

The auditors' fee also shows a difference owing to a new method of calculating the fee which has been adopted by many companies in order to compensate to some small extent for the serious drop in the rate of exchange. You will also be asked to vote upon this later on.

Your directors have also arranged to enter into a new agreement with the secretaries which will entitle them to receive their fee in Straits Dollars instead of in Chinese Dollars. The amount of the fee has been fixed at St.$1,200.-per annum which is approximately the equivalent at the present rate of exchange of the existing fee. This rate of commission on the net profits has also been increased from 1 per cent. to 2 per cent.

In conclusion, I would like to express our best thanks to the Manager, to the Straits Agents and to the Visiting Agent for the very efficient manner in which they have looked after the interests of the Estate during the year under review.

There being no questions the following resolutions were passed:—

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, as presented, be adopted and passed.

Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and seconded by Mr. L. Kadoorie.

That a Dividend of 2 Dollar cents per share be paid.

Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and seconded by Mr. L. Kadoorie.

That the appointment of Mr. J. E. Badeley as a Director of the Company be confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton and seconded by Mr. D. E. Levy.

That the appointment of Mr. L. Kadoorie as a director of the company be confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton and seconded by Mr. Chiung Shun Hua.

That Mr. H. Kadoorie be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. D. E. Levy and seconded by Mr. C. F. Shackleon.

That Messrs. Mortimer Reid & Slee be re-elected auditors to the company and that their fee for auditing the Accounts to December 31, 1939 be Ch.$290.72.

Proposed by Mr. Chiung Shun Hua and seconded by Mr. D. E. Levy.

That the directors' fees be increased from Ch.$839.16 per director per annum to Ch.$850 for each director.

Proposed by Mr. D. E. Levy and seconded by Mr. Chiung Shun Hua.

Reichsbank Return

Berlin, Mar. 27.

The Reichsbank return issued Saturday shows the gold stock unchanged at 70,800,000 but foreign exchange holdings increased by 200,-000, to 6,000,000, making a total increase in the notecover by 200,000 to 76,800,000 Reichsmarks. The note circulation decreased by 100,000,000 to 7,462,700,000 Reichsmarks. The total amount of credit issued as measured by bills, cheques, advances and investments decreased by 86,-000,000 to 7,998,000,000 Reichsmarks.

The total amount of legal tender in circulation is returned at 9,656,000,-000 as against 6,649,000,000 Reichsmarks at the same date last year.—Trans-Ocean.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Mar. 27.

Kogo 5% Y.103.76
—Reuter.

U.S. Absorbs Fugitive European Capital

Total of $368,902,000 Held at Close of 1938

Washington, Mar. 27.

Treasury Department statistics released today indicated that the movement of capital between the United States and foreign countries during 1938 ended in favour of the former to the extent of $368,902,000, which entered the country in the form of security transactions, bank deposits, and brokerage operations.

Since January 1, 1935, foreign capital amounting to $3,779,225,000 entered the United States.

During 1938, American securities totalling $48,895,000 were purchased by foreign holders, while Americans bought foreign securities, the operation concluding in favour of the United States to a value of $26,758,000.

South American and Far Eastern countries, during 1938, deposited funds in United States banks, these funds amounting respectively to $18,005,000 and $77,082,000.

The bulk of foreign capital sent to the United States in 1938 came from European countries, although it was considerably lower than in preceding years, totalling $388,655,000, compared with $601,727,000 in 1937, $850,714,000 in 1936, and $1,200,598,000 in 1935.—Havas.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

March 27	Closing Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Antamok	.41	.405
Atok	.34	.345
Balatoc	8.50	8.50
Batong Buhay	.018	.018
Benguet Consolidated	12.60	12.60
Big Wedge	.32	.315
Coco Grove	.415	.415
Demonstration	.145	.145
I X L	.61	.61
Masbate	.145	.145
North Camarines	.56	.56
San Mauricio	1.98	1.96
Surigao Con., Com.	.21	.21
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	.20	.20
Suyoc	.185	.185
United Paracale	.70	.71

Turnover: Unavailable Pesos.—Reuter.

S. V. C. Orders

Officers:—The following extract from the Municipal Gazette dated March 24, is published for information:—

Appointment—Temporary:—Reserve of Officers "B"—Mr. S. O. Thorley to be temporary 2nd Lt.—March 10.

Dress:—The following extract from the British Army Dress Regulations is published for the information of all concerned. It will be complied with throughout the Corps for all British and S.M.C. Medals, and for any other authorized medal for which no specific national regulations to the contrary are laid down.

Orders, Decorations and Medals:—Decorations and medals, except those mentioned below, will be worn on the left breast. In full dress they will be worn over the sash. They will be worn in a horizontal line, suspended from a single bar of which no part is to be seen, or stitched to the garment, and placed mid-way between the first and second buttons from the bottom of the collar.

Medals awarded by the Royal Humane Society or by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will, when authorized, be worn in a position corresponding with war medals, on the right breast.

When decorations and medals cannot, on account of their number, be suspended from the bar so as to be fully seen, they will overlap.

Medals will be worn so as to show the Sovereign's head.

The first earned clasp will be worn nearest the medal.

Length of ribands.—When medals and decorations are worn on the breast, the riband will be 1 inch in length, unless the possession of clasps necessitates it being longer. When two or more medals and decorations are worn, they will be so arranged that the lower edges (or lowest point of a star) are in line. The lengths of all ribands will be regulated by that of the decoration or medal which, including any clasps, is the longest. These instructions will apply equally to miniature medals and decorations. When ribands are worn without medals and decorations, they will be ⅜ inch in length.

With Mess Dress:—Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals will be worn with mess dress on the left lapel of the jacket in one horizontal line, 1 inch below the point of the shoulder, suspended from a bar of which no part will be seen.

The length of the bar must vary with the number of miniatures, but in no case will it project beyond either the lapel or shoulder seam of the jacket. When the miniatures cannot, on account of their number, be suspended from the bar so as to be fully seen, they will overlap.

Collar badges, when worn on the mess jacket, will be placed ¾ inch below the medals.

Weapon Training:—The undermentioned have classified as marksmen for Training Season 1938/39:—

Classification (Rifle):—Armoured Car Company.—Lieut. C. L. Hill, L/Cpl. J. S. Blanford, Pte. G. C. Large, L/Cpl. W. V. Ribbons, Pte. H. E. Harris. "C" Machine Gun Company.—C.Q.M.S. L.A. Mottu. Japanese Company.—Maj. T. Otorii, Pte. S. Igarashi, Lieut. K. Kubota, Pte. H. Takada, 2nd Lt. T. Oshima, Pte. T. Hirano, Sgt. K. Okuura, Pte. Y. Yamashita, L/Cpl. S. Ishino, Pte. H. Fujita. "A" Company.—Capt. H. P. Krogh, Cpl. D. C. Palfreeman, Cpl. S. R. Hawke, Pte. H. J. Christensen. "B" Company.—2nd. Lt. K. W. Greiner, L/Cpl. J. E. King, Sgt. W. G. Stone, L/Cpl. V. H. Anderson, Sgt. A. England, Pte. E. Grundt, Sgt. G. A. Browne, Pte. A. R. Ross, Cpl. N. P. Evans. Jewish Company.—Lieut. S. Godkin, Sgt. S. Y. Shieflan, Cpl. E. Fuchs. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Sgt. W. G. T. Howe, Cpl. J. C. Jenkins. American Company.—Lieut W. Hutchinson, 2nd. Lt. C. J. Langley, Pte. E. Klein, 1st. Sgt. J. J. Surel, Pte. F. E. Munz, Sgt. R. H. Archer, Pte. J. Maher, Sgt. M. A. Kuhn, Pte. J. Schultz. Philippine Company.—Capt. H. C. Evangelista. American Machine Gun Company.—2nd. Lt. C. Melchers, 1st. Sgt. G. A. Marmorat. No. 3 (Vol) Company.—Cpl. V. I. Dmitrieff, Pte. A. A. Lysick.

Classification (Lewis Gun):—"A" Company.—Sgt. A. Green, Cpl. R. N. Bryant, Pte. G. A. Clayton, Cpl. D. C. Palfreeman, Pte. R. Hansen, Pte. H. J. Christensen, Pte. S. R. Larsen. Jewish Company.—C.Q.M.S. Z. O. Levoff, Cpl. M. Leymanstein, Sgt. S. I. Sheiflan, L/Cpl. H. Gabriel, Sgt. B. A. Slossman, L/Cpl. E. Hasser, Sgt. M. Gaberman, Pte. I. W. Levitch, L/Sgt. M. Palmer, Pte. B. Brinberg, Cpl. I. N. Goldfield, Pte. M. S. Shoosle. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Cpl. N. J. Stabb, Pte. P. E. Young, Cpl. J. C. Jenkins, Pte. C. Berry, Pte. R. Manly-Allatt, Pte. J. R. Croft.

Classification (Machine Gun):—"C" Machine Gun Company.—C.Q.M.S. L. A. Mottu, Sgt. K. Tauber, Pte. P. A. Walther, L/Cpl. N. B. Cato-Aall, Pte. J. Berglof. American Machine Gun Company.—Lieut. L. F. Bright, L/Cpl. R. W. Campbell, 2nd. Lt. C. Melcher, L/Cpl. E. L. Auman, 2nd. Lt. J. S. Brenneman, L/Cpl. B. L. Cooper, C.Q.M.S. W. Holzaepfel, L/Cpl. R. Fowler, Sgt. P. K. Knipper, L/Cpl. O. J. Gleboff, Sgt. J. D. Spunt, Pte. L. I. Moffett, Sgt. H. P. Brown, Pte. J. K. Smith-Mitchell, Sgt. R. W. Gunn, Pte. P. Schoemnn.

Classification (Browning Automatic Rifle):—American Company.—2nd. Lt. C. J. Langley, 1st. Sgt. J. J. Surel, Cpl. C. A. Bell, Sgt. R. H. Archer, Cpl. H. K. Lowe, Sgt. M. A. Kuhn, Pte. M. Senna. Philippine Company.—Capt. H. C. Evangelista, Cpl. G. A. Orden, Lieut. A. Y. Celis, Pte. C. J. Souza, Lieut. G. E. Luchangco, Pte. R. Tagle, Sgt. H. Joseph, Pte. P. de Vera.

Classification (Revolver):—Transport Company.—Capt. J. D. E. Shotter, M.B.E., A.F.C., Lieut. S. E. Avery, Pte. C. J. Remedios, Lieut. D. S. McI Frasser, No. 3 (Vol) Company.—Lieut. V. A. Sokoloff.

Classification (Pistol): — American Troop.—L/Cpl. M. H. Stuckgold, Tpr. J. van den Brandeier, L/Cpl. J. W. Kranenburg. Philippine Company.—Capt. H. C. Evangelista, Lieut. G. E. Luchangco, Lieut. A. Y. Celis, Pte. R. V. Joquico. American Machine Gun Company.—Sgt. P. K. Knipper, L/Cpl. R. W. Campbell, Sgt. J. D. Spunt, Pte. L. I. Moffett.

Weapon Training—30 Yards Range (Rifle):—The undermentioned have qualified on "30 yards Range":—Shanghai Light Horse.—Tpr. J. K. R. Macgregor. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Pte. N. Sykes, Pte. J. E. L. Larsen, Pte. P. Watkin Williams, Pte. J. C. Filman, Pte. A. Jaekel, Pte. H. H. Brisk, Pte. W. Archer, Pte. J. R. Croft. Portuguese Company.—Pte. Luitz Guterres (624), Pte. Leo Maher (645), Pte. Augusto de Souza (638).

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. R. B. Freeman-Thomas March 23. Corps Troops:—Signals Company.—Sigm. D. C. L. Neubourg March 20. "C" M. G. Company.—Pte. H. Azadian March 18. "A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—Pte L. D. Bentley March 16. "C" Battalion:—No. 3 (Vol) Company.—Pte. I. A. Mishin March 20. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops:—interpreter Company.—Pte. D. C. Zee March 22. "A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—Pte. R. Pediey March 21, Pte. E. J. Hing March 21, Pte. W. Hall March 20, Pte. E. A. Crighton March 20, Pte. J. D. Stefanis March 21, Pte. A. Perme, March 23. Jewish Company. —Cpl. G. S. Miller March 24. "C" Battalion:—No. 3 (Vol) Company.—Pte. A. L. Volsky March 20.

Leave:—Armoured Car Company.—Lieutenant C. L. Hill from Apr. 1 to Sept. 30. Chinese Company.—Lieutenant H. E. Yu from Mar. 22 to Sept. 22. Philippine Company.—Lieutenant J. W. Templo, Sick leave from Mar. 21 to Apr. 30. Reserve of Officers "A" Lieutenant P. R. M. Wallis, M.C. from Apr. 1 to Oct. 15.

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Invisible Glass Said Invented by a Woman

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Invisible glass has arrived, and Dr. Irving Langmuir, the American Nobel Prize-winner, has been telling about some of its remarkable properties. It has been produced by his assistant, Dr. Katherine Blodgett, of the General Electric Co. laboratory at Schenectady, states the "Daily Herald."

We have already had invisible shop windows produced by means of curved glass, but in this new development the glass itself is treated. Roughly and briefly the principle is this.

The waves of light striking the surface of glass "cannon off" at an angle and reach the eye by reflection. Dr. Blodgett coats the glass with thin films of transparent chemicals which refract light at a different angle.

Refraction, by the way, means the bending of light rays. Water refracts powerfully, and that is why a stick appears bent when you push it into a pool.

Cancelling Out

Reflections from the glass and from the surface film cancel each other out and do not affect the eye. By this method, 99 per cent. of light passes through the glass instead of about 92 per cent. ordinarily.

Dr. Langmuir showed me a gauge, the dial of which was covered half with ordinary glass and half with treated glass. There was no doubt about it.

It should be a boon for art galleries. In many of them the glass in front of the pictures picks up so many stray reflections that it is quite difficult to find a good viewpoint.

The method is not yet perfect. Optical lenses made from very hard glass can be fine-coated with quartz and can be quite hard. But the coating on ordinary plate-glass is still too soft for everyday use.

Scant Thanks

Dr. Blodgett, however, is "on to something" which may solve that. She is a very brilliant American scientist who became a pupil of the late Lord Rutherford at Cambridge and won highest distinction.

All the thanks she gets from The Inevitable Female is: "She takes the shine off the windows and leaves the shine on our noses."

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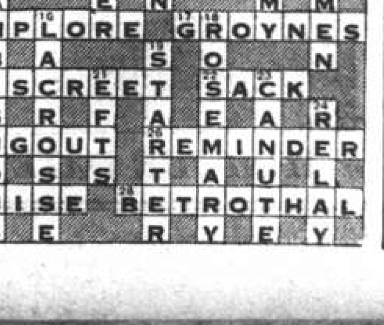

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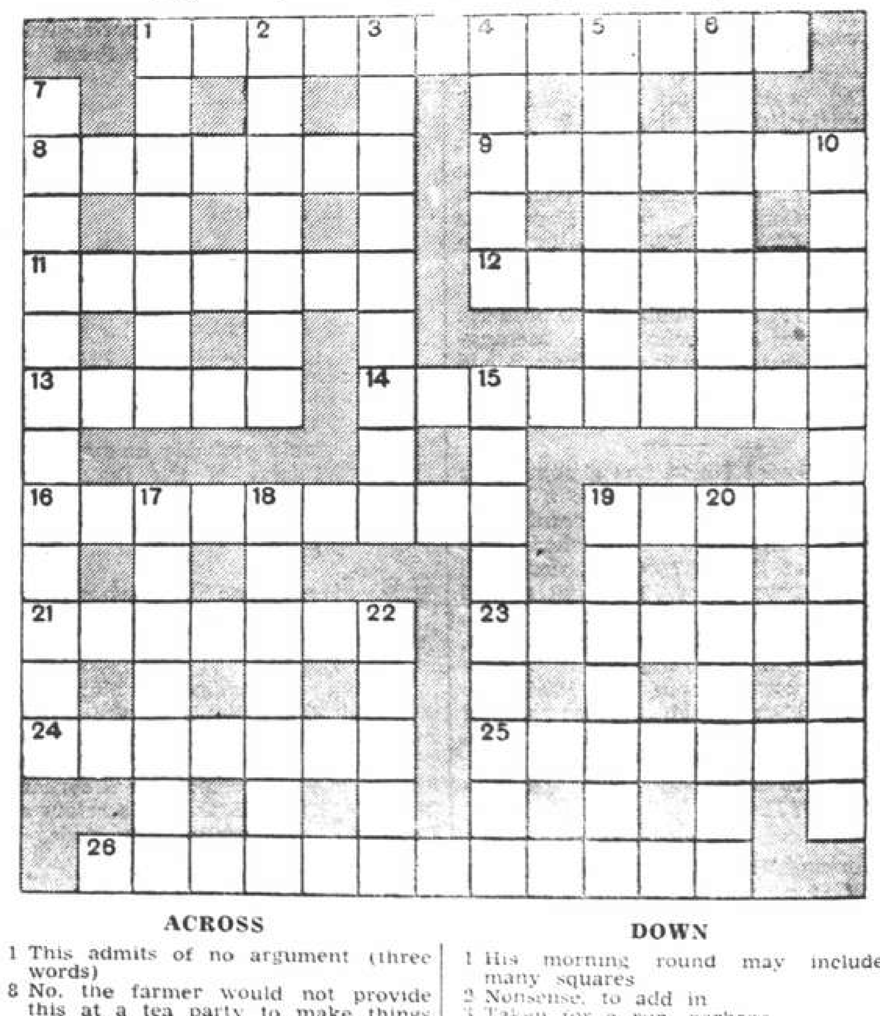


ACROSS

1 This admits of no argument (three words)
8 No, the farmer would not provide this at a tea party to make things go smoothly
9 Kind of acid
11 Without reason at heart, and restless
12 When he goes to the seaside does he bring others down with him?
13 All strung up
14 Suitable food for a lengthy meal?
16 "Mired robe" (anag.)
19 A bit of heather, possibly
21 On the whole he uses his impartial judgment, but finally uses his teeth
23 There seems to be justification for foolish talk of hostilities
24 A gleaner in disguise
25 The idea is to put part of a pip in a vegetable
26 This is hardly likely to be the scene of a headon collision (three words)

DOWN

1 His morning round may include many squares
2 Nonsense, to add in
3 Taken for a run, perhaps
4 Path, or heart of 21 across
5 Supply as evidence that a fish has swallowed a vessel
6 Wherein Nelson died
7 Keeping in with a fast set? (three words)
10 Scotsmen like to give it the push in winter (two words)
15 It's of no use an archer planting this foodstuff
17 Old city started by an infant
18 Any child may do this to its clothes
19 Attention that finally might get a hold on one
20 Shams will not do for him
22 It's a wonder Moses didn't grow up with this sort of voice

FROM DAY TO DAY

THE Swedish Minister and Baroness Johan Beck-Friis will leave tomorrow in the ss. Potsdam for a vacation in Sweden.

THE Easter number of "Shipping Review," will appear on March 31, this issue will have special features and a front page sketch by Capt. S. P. Jorgensen.

THE daily report of refugee work for March 26 follows:—No. of Camps under inspection by Public Health Department 52, No. of refugees therein 43,342.

The Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni left on a routine trip to Tientsin at 2 p.m. yesterday. She is expected to return to Shanghai in a few days.

THE Siamese Government is expected shortly to enforce an embargo upon the imports of rayon into Siam, according to local Chinese silk merchants circles, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The purpose of the embargo, the report states, is to foster the Siamese spinning and weaving industries.

SLOVAK fliers killed when their planes were shot down over Hungarian territory were buried in Szobranc and Sizlocz with military honours on Sunday afternoon. Two Hungarian planes circled above the cemetery while the funeral service was being read.

FOLLOWING the conclusion of recent arrangements between the Kiangsi and Chekiang provincial governments, the Kiangsi Wartime Trade Bureau now undertakes regularly to ship a monthly consignment of 20,000 piculs of rice to Chekiang to relieve the rice shortage in this province, says a report.

RUSSIAN Convent of Our Lady of Vladimir, 350 Avenue Roi Albert, is holding a Palm Bazaar this week for the benefit of St. Olga's Orphanage. Many interesting things are being sold mostly made by the little orphans and nuns. Artistic cushions and all kinds of embroideries, as well as toys, flowers and books can be obtained at the Bazaar.

MR. O. B. Perkins, Chief Inspector of the Shanghai Municipal Police, Mrs. Perkins and their two children are leaving today aboard the P. & O. liner Canton and will spend their home-leave in England. They are expected to return to Shanghai in about six months' time. Mr. Perkins was in charge of Bubbling Well Police Station.

The will of the late Mr. C. T. Hutchins was admitted to probate in the United States Court for China yesterday morning by Judge M. J. Helmick. Messrs. Franklin and Harrington acted as attorneys for the estate. The U. S. Attorney, Mr. Leighton Shields, was appointed guardian for a minor daughter.

DR. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, will leave for Moscow en route to Berlin, Paris and London either towards the end of this month or the beginning of April, says a Chungking Chinese report to the "Morning Leader." Passport visas for Dr. Sun Fo and his secretarial entourage have already been issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the report states.

THE Sino-French-Belgian-Swiss Cultural Association was formally inaugurated in Chungking on March 26 with over 200 prominent Chinese officials attending the ceremony, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." Mr. Wu Chingheng was elected chairman of the Association, while a number of prominent Chinese and French, Belgian and Swiss members were elected honorary officials the report adds.

RICH coal deposits have been found along the Yunnan Railway following a survey made by Mr. Ling Wen-ying, a Chinese geologist, representing the Yunnan Railway Bureau, says a Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." The Ministry of Economics, upon the receipt of very favourable detailed reports, is now planning to dispatch a survey corps to determine the possibility of exploiting the railway areas for coal, the report states.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report of the week ending midnight, March 25, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 6 and Chinese 560. Deaths from notifiable diseases were —Foreigners, Smallpox 1, and Chinese, Tuberculosis 32; Measles 13; Typhoid Fever 7; Cerebrospinal Fever 8; Smallpox 3 and Diphtheria, Dysentery, Beri-beri 1 each.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending March 25, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 7 and Chinese 225. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 1, and Chinese, Tuberculosis 16; Pneumonia 14; Diphtheria 4; Measles 4; Cerebrospinal Meningitis 3; Dysentery 2; Smallpox 2 and Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers, Erysipelas, Septicaemia 1 each.

THE Soviet Union has a population of 170,126,000, according to a census taken in January the, results of which are now published. The results of the 1937 census, described as the "work of Trotskyists and saboteurs," were never revealed, but, compared with the earlier censuses, the population of the Soviet Union should now be more than 180,000,000 on the basis of the former annual surplus of births of 3,000,000. The population of Soviet Russia was 147,000,000 in 1926 and 165,000,000 in 1933.

ADMIRAL Sir George Chetwode, who recently married for the second time, had a distinguished career during the war. He was mentioned in dispatches for his services as commander of the battleship Royal Oak at Jutland, and he received two more "mentions" as commander of the destroyers in the Mediterranean from 1917-19. His later commands included H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth and Warspite. He retired in 1936, and is now chairman of a Portsmouth firm of marine engineers. Another of his distinctions is that, while he reached almost the highest rank in the Navy, his elder brother, Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, reached the highest rank in the Army.

First Air Raid Shelters Delivered

The first A.R.P. shelter delivered to Tiber Street, Kings Cross, London, being delivered to Mrs. Treadwell, who looks at it rather bewildered. Neighbours gather around to inspect the latest thing in protections against air raids.

Nanchang Occupied by Japanese Troops

(Continued from page 7)

ing were feverishly engaged in making emergency repairs to the Chungcheng bridge, spanning the Kan River, damaged by the Chinese yesterday morning as Japanese tanks began crossing the 1,005-metre span.

With Japanese artillery laying a thunderous protective barrage, the Chinese fire directed at the engineers from the western bank of the river was desultory. The damaged section, about 25 metres in length, was expected to be repaired by this afternoon.

The bridge leads from the southern extremity of the Nanchang-Kiukiang railway directly into the former walled city of Nanchang.

The Chinese waited until the last minute to throw in the switches detonating the explosive charge laid at the centre of the bridge. Japanese tanks were already rumbling across when the blast occurred. None of the tanks, however, was damaged.

The imposing bridge, named after Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, was left intact by the Chinese apparently for the purpose of allowing Chinese troops deployed along the southern section of the railway to retreat towards Nanchang.

The rapid Japanese advance through Fengsin, to the west, whereby these Chinese forces were completely outflanked, made the preservation of this bridge futile. The Chinese forces on the western bank of Lake Poyang have been entirely encircled on land.—Domei.

Chinese Counter-attack

Chungking, Mar. 27.

The main body of the Japanese forces on the Chinese left wing, headed by over 20 tanks, has made a sudden thrust to the south-east from Fengsin in the direction of Nanchang, according to Chinese reports. Japanese van guards, they add, have cut the highway west of Nanchang and have reached Wanhoukung and Wushanpu.

The Chinese defenders of Nanchang are said to have launched a desperate assault on Japanese positions. As a result, severe fighting is reported to be going on immediately west of Nanchang.

Chinese field despatches claim that six Japanese tanks have been destroyed and one Japanese aeroplane shot down by the Chinese in this engagement.—Reuter.

Honan Cities Bombed

A Japanese Army Air Base, Mar. 27.

Chinese military positions and troop concentrations centring upon Loyang, south of the Yellow River, were subjected to repeated aerial attacks by Japanese army aircraft yesterday.

Kunghsien, west of Chengchow on the Lunghai Railway, Yushih, east of Loyang, Tsiyuan, north of Loyang, and Menghsien ford, were bombed during the day.

Three successive attacks were made against Wulung, causing Chinese troops in that area to retreat to the south.—Domei.

Pearl River Bridge Wrecked

Hongkong, Mar. 27.

Chinese bombers wrecked the newly-constructed bridge across the Pearl River at Sheklung on March 24, the local vernacular press reported today.

Chinese aircraft dropped leaflets on Japanese-occupied areas along the west, north and east rivers on March 24 advising the Chinese civilians to evacuate the occupied towns because a general Chinese counter-attack on all Kwangtung fronts would be launched very soon, reports from Macao said today.—United Press.

Wu Teh-chen Slated for Ministry Post

Hongkong, Mar. 27.

Gen. Wu Teh-chen, former Governor of Kwangtung Province and Mayor of Shanghai, is to be given a Cabinet post shortly, persistent rumours indicated today.

There was a growing belief in well-informed Chinese circles that General Wu would probably be appointed to the Ministry of the Interior at Chungking.—United Press.

U.S. Incomes in February Show Increase

Washington, Mar. 27.

Income tax receipts in the U.S.A. for February, 1939, amounted to $5,090,000,000. an increase of $115,000,000 over the receipts for February 1938, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Secretary of Commerce, announced here today.—Havas.

THE Warden of Toynbee Hall, Mr. J. J. Mallon, laid aside for the time being with illness, first came into prominence through his strenuous fights against sweated labour. It was probably due more to him than to anybody else that Trade Boards were set up to regulate wages in those industries where the workers were strong enough to fight for themselves. It used to be said of Toynbee Hall that its chief work was to train young university men for jogs in the Civil Service, and certainly that service contains many notable men who graduated through Toynbee Hall.

Hongkong Garrison May Be Increased

Work on Barracks Now Being Undertaken

Hongkong, Mar. 27.

The Hongkong garrison is to be increased by three infantry battalions within the next few years, reliable sources revealed today.

Plans are already afoot for the construction of military cantonments at a total cost of £7,000,000. Only British contracts for the construction work will be accepted. The contractors are required to furnish £100,000 as a guarantee.

Work has already commenced on levelling a Government site at Kowloon and making it safe against malaria.

The additional infantry battalions will not arrive for two or three years which will be required for the completion of the cantonments.—United Press.

Four By-Elections Due In Britain

London, Mar. 26.

The death of Mr. Edward Strauss, Liberal National M.P. for North Southwark, on Saturday night brought the deaths of M.P.'s in the past week to four. The others were Mr. James Brown, Labour member for South Ayrshire; Sir Sydney Herbert, Conservative member for the Abbey division of Westminister, and Sir David Reid, Conservative member for the county of Down.—Reuter.

Many Women Deputies Elected in Turkey

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

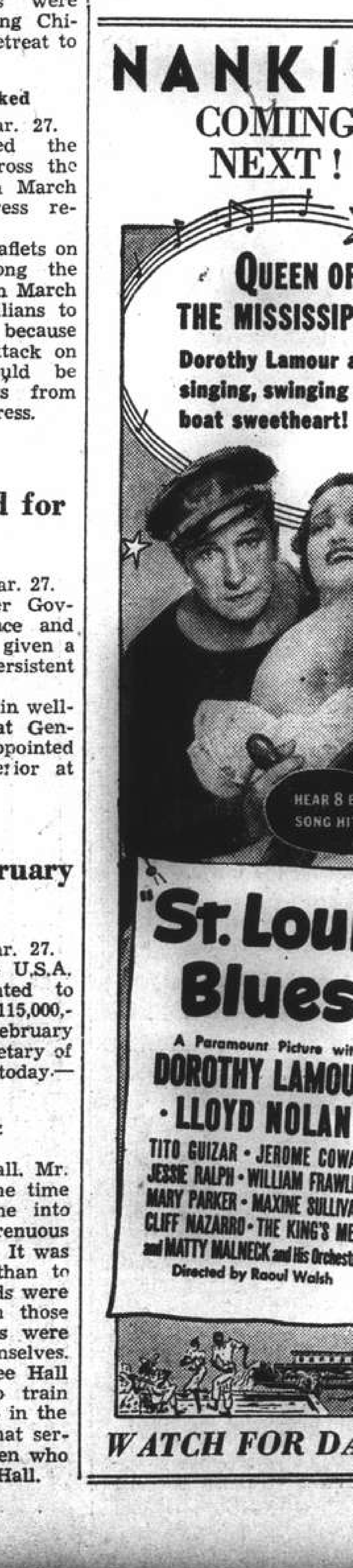
Ankara, Mar. 27.

Many formerly influential deputies have lost their seats in the General Election for the National Assembly. All members, however, belong to the Peoples' Party, the only political party existing in Turkey. Among the 24 deputies elected, fourteen are women. —Reuter.

Belgium Again Stresses Her Neutrality

Brussels, Mar. 27.

For the second time within a week, Belgium has made clear her neutrality. A communique issued by the semi-official Belgian news agency declares that "whatever plans England and France may have, Belgium is not included and cannot be included, with or without her knowledge."—Trans-Ocean.



Rumania Fearing Hungarian Coup

Germany May Support Own Policies Behind Magyar Revisionists

Bucharest, Mar. 26.

Rumanian politicians expressed great anxiety today over Hungarian intentions, which, they said, justify the military measures taken in this country.

Following the recent signature of a supplementary Germano-Rumanian trade pact, it was hoped that the Reich would urge Hungary to demobilize her Army, but nothing of that sort has happened. Hungarian armed forces, they fear, having come up against German positions in their invasion of Slovakia, would now turn eastward.

Satisfaction obtained for claims in Slovakia and the Carpathic Ukraine does not seem to have appeased Hungarian revisionists, they said, and feared that Germany might extend open aid to Hungary to cloak German ambitions.

Hungary would in that event become an "auxiliary" moved by Germany in Eastern Europe, these Rumanian quarters conclude.—Havas.

Rumanians Will Fight

Paris, Mar. 26.

"There is one thing upon which there should be no doubt and it is, that on the day that Rumania is attacked, she will defend herself, no matter who the attacker may be, and will safeguard as strongly as she can the integrity of her territory."

Such was the definite declaration made by the Rumanian Premier, M. Armand Calinescu, in an interview with M. Jules Sauerwein, special correspondent of the "Paris Soir" at Bucharest.

M. Calinescu also stated that the latest Germano-Rumanian supplementary trade accord had no connection with recent international events because negotiations had been launched in February.

"This pact will not change either the present or the future commercial relations between Rumania and other States," he concluded.—Havas.

French Envoy to China In Hanoi

Hanoi, Mar. 27.

M. Henri Cosme, the French Ambassador to China, arrived here from Chungking by plane today. During his stay in Hanoi, M. Cosme will be the guest of M. Jules Brevie, the Governor-General of Indo-China.—Havas.

Whole Family Wiped Out in Flood

Dawson Creek, B.C., Mar. 26.

Eight members of one family were drowned today when an ice jam at the juncture of the Pine and Murray rivers in north-eastern British Columbia flooded a wide area of ranch lands.—United Press.

GENERAL Blackowitz, commanding the Third German Army Group, paid tribute to the memory of the Czech world war dead by placing a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and another at the War Memorial in the old chapel of the Prague City Hall on Sunday afternoon. Later, the General was received by representatives of the Prague municipality at City Hall and inscribed his name in the golden book of the city.

Sections of the Harbour

1 North Chinese Bund to Kinleeyuen.
2 Kinleeyuen Wharf to Signal Station.
3 Signal Station to Custom House.
4 Customs Shed to Peking Road Jetty.
5 Peking Road Jetty to Old Dock.
6 Old Dock to S. & H. Wharf Flagstaff.
7 S. & H. Flagstaff to Old Ningpo.
8 Old Ningpo to Chinwangtao Jetty.
9 Chingwangtao to Waterworks Intake
10 Waterworks to Yanking Creek.
11 Yangking to Cosmopolitan Dock.
LOWER SECTION Cosmopolitan Dock to Woosung.

Wharves and Docks

S=Shanghai side. P=Pootung side.

APCGIW	A.P.C. Gough Is. Wharf	P LS.
APCLW	A.P.C. Lower Wharf	P 11
APCUW	A.P.C. Upper Wharf	P 10
BJ	Boyd's Jetty	P 6
CMCW	China Merchants' Central	S 5
CMEW	China Merchants' Eastern	P 10
CMLW	China Merchants' Lower	S 7
CNCBs	China Nav. Co. Buoys	S 2
CNCW	China Nav. Co. Wharf	S 2
CNPW	C.N. Co. Pootung Wharf	S 2
COCW	China Oil Co. Wharf	P LS.
CosD	Cosmopolitan Dock	P 11
CosDW	Cosmo. Dock Wharf	P 11
GJ	Garden Jetty	S 5
HSW	Hoong Shin Wharf Co.	P 1
HtsW	Hunt's Wharf	S 6
HWYK	Holt's Yang King	P 10
IntD	International Dock	P 11
IntDW	Int. Dock Wharf	P 11
JNJ	Japanese Naval Jetty	P 8
KLYBs	Kinleeyuen Buoys	S 1 & 2
KLYW	Kinleeyuen Wharf	S 1 & 2
KMAW	Kailan Wharf	P 10
KPW	Kaiyosha Pootung	P 10
KSD	Kiousin Dock	S1
KW	Kwanghua Oil Co.	P LS.
MBKUW	M.B.K. Upper Wharf	P 8
MBKW	M.B.K. Wharf	P 11
McKW	Mackenzie's Wharf	P 2
MW	Mollers' Wharves	S6
NKKW	Nisshin Kisen Whf.	P US
NSCW	Ningshao Co. Wharf	S 1
NYKMW	N.Y.K. Mail Wharf	S 5
NYKPW	N.Y.K. Pootung Wharf	P 10
OD	Old Dock	S 6
ONW	Old Ningpo Wharf	S 7 & 8
OSKYW	O.S.K. Yangtszepoo	S 8
OW	Outside Woosung	
PWE	Pootung Wharf East, Ewo	P 9
PWW	Pootung Wharf West, Ewo	P 9
QA	Quarantine Anchorage	
SHW	S'hai & H'kew Whf.	S 6 & 7
SOCW	Standard Oil Wharf	P LS.
TDW	Tai Dong Wharf	S 8
VOCW	Vacuum Oil Co. Wharf	P LS.
WIA	Woosung Inner Anchorage	
WSW	Wayside Wharf	S 8
WTW	Watung Wharf	S 1
WW	Whangpoo Wharf	S 9
YPD	Yangtszepoo Dock	S 9
YPDW	Yangtszepoo Dock Whf.	S 9
YW	Yangtszepoo Wharf	P 10

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Com. Paolini	Wenchow	I.C.R.N.
M. Margarida	Wenchow	Maria S.N.
Don Pedro	Wenchow	C.A.S.S.
Fausang	Hongkong	Jardine
Norse Carrier	Foochow	Wallem
Bradford City	Portland	Mollers
Mingsang	Tientsin	Jardine
Hanwo	Tungchow	Jardine
Cockchafer	Cruise	—
Taketoyo M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
G. Padula	Foochow	C.I.N.
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Wuhu	Hsinkong	B.&S.
Hafthor	Tientsin	O. Thoresen
St. V. de Paul	Tientsin	P. J. Maley
Ave-Maria	Tungchow	Ta Lung
Philoctetes	Hongkong	B.&S.
Tseangtah	Tungchow	Mow Tung
Tungwo	Tungchow	Jardine
Mikage M.	Tsingtao	Y.K.K.
Etizen M.	Tsingtao	N.K.K.
Fooksing	Tungchow	Wha Ying
River Lugar	B. C. Ports	H.G.&R.

Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times.
(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
TUESDAY, March 28.				
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India (Y) Suez (Y) Europe (Y) ..	Canton		7.30	9.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	Canton		8.30	9.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Dahpu		12.00	12.30
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Fausang		11.30	13.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Fausang		12.30	13.00
Tsingtao	Tainan M.	X	13.30	14.00
Amoy	Echizan M.	X	13.30	14.00
Japan via Kobe	Philoctetes	Y	16.00	16.30
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Wenchow	Pelikan		16.30	17.00
Wenchow	Don Joao		19.30	20.00
Amoy and Hongkong	Tsinan		19.30	20.00
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Mingsang		19.30	20.00
Kwangtung	Mingsang		19.30	20.00
Japan Korea Formosa via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.		20.00	20.00
WEDNESDAY, March 29.				
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.		*20.00	9.15
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. India Suez and Europe	Potsdam	A	*20.00	10.00
Hongkong and Canton	Potsdam		9.30	10.00
Amoy H'kong Java Ports	Tjisalak	B	10.00	10.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Fengshan M.	X	10.00	10.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo		16.00	16.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Nanning		19.00	19.00
THURSDAY, March 30.				
Ningpo	Hsin Peking		13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Foochow	Shinkuang		16.30	17.00
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Chengtu		19.30	20.00
Kwangtung	Chengtu		19.30	20.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Taiseunhong		19.30	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for S.S., Ceylon, Italy, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 28th.
B Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 28th.
X Provisional time—subject to alteration.
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Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Canton, on March 28, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Bracciano, Italy on April 9, and London on April 10.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Potsdam, on March 29, at 9.15 a.m. for registered and at 10 a.m. for ordinary, and due San Francisco on April 9.

Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Potsdam, on March 29, at 9.15 a.m. for registered and at 10 a.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on April 7, and London on April 8.

Neth (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Canton, on March 28, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Amsterdam on April 11, and London on April 12.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per ss. Chenonceaux, on March 31, at noon for registered and at 1 p.m. for ordinary to Saigon.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary. Mails for America may be sent to-day, the 28th, by air mail to Japan for connection with ss. President Pierce leaving Yokohama on March 30.

Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Chenghsien; Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m. Express mails for Nanking and Chinkiang local close daily at 8.45 a.m.

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Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
ss. Canton, via Suez, March 28, due London April 29.
ss. Potsdam, via Suez, March 29, due London April 24.
ss. Chenonceaux, via Suez, March 31, due London May 3.

Weather, Time and Tide

Tuesday, March 28, 1938 (8th day of 2nd moon)	SICCAWEI March 26 16.00	March 26 21.00	March 27 4.00	March 27 9.00
Barometer inches at 32 F.	29.97	29.99	29.98	30.08
(variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.24	—0.23	—0.18	—0.08
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.19	—0.17	+0.01	+0.09
Wind (direction)	ESE	ESE	NNW	N
„ (miles per hour)	19.2	9.3	6.2	9.3
Temperature (Fahr.)	55.°2	50.°2	48.°9	50.°4
Humidity %	66	84	98	91
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	2	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	0.11	0.02

Siccawei Abridged Report March 26	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.07	—0.8	30.12
Temp. Min. 35.°8 Max. 57.°9	46.°8	+3.°0	49.°3
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	7.94	0.02	7.09

Time and Tide	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	5.49	5.48	5.47	5.46	5.44
Sun sets at Shanghai....	18.10	18.11	18.12	18.13	18.13
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	10.54	11.55	12.59	14.06	15.12
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	0.07	1.00	1.51	2.38	3.21
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	15.16	16.50	18.35	6.40	8.15
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	8.05	9.10	10.40	12.34	13.25
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	16.38	5.22	7.30	9.14	9.59
Ht. above LLW. (feet)..	6.85	6.45	7.12	8.00	8.50

Vessels Discharging

IXION. From Vancouver arrived on March 26, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on April 4, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 30-3

PHILOCTETES. From Liverpool arrived on March 27, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on April 5, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Thursday, March 30, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 30-3

YANGTSE. From the Continent and ports arrived on March 26, 1939, now discharging at the Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for exchange of Delivery Orders and take immediate delivery of their goods. Consignees of Bulk and Iron cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst it is being landed. All risks of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by consignees. Claims against this steamer must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Tuesday, March 28, 1939, at 9 a.m. at the Wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. No Insurance effected. Cie, des Messageries Maritimes. 30-3

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From HAMBURG: Potsdam, with mail, due 6 a.m., Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 8.30 a.m.

From LONDON: Suwa Maru, due 7-8 a.m., O. S. K. Wharf.

From NAGASAKI: Nagasaki Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

From DAIREN: Dairen Maru, with mail, due 3 p.m., Whangpoo Wharf.

From HONGKONG: Tsinan, due 7.30 a.m., French Bund.
Taiseunhong, due p.m. Roosevelt Terminal.
Kaying, due p.m., French Bund.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA		
Protesilaus	7/2	31/3
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4
From COPENHAGEN		
Kina	1/2	7/4
From OSLO		
Titania	17/2	13/4
Tamerlane	20/3	9/5
From HAMBURG		
Regensburg	11/3	16/4
Gneisenau	18/3	21/4
Serooskerk	25/3	13/5
From BREMEN		
Ramses	7/2	31/3
Kulmerland	21/2	14/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4
Duisburg	21/3	10/5
From ROTTERDAM		
Tamara	9/3	25/4
Tamerlane	25/3	9/5
From ANTWERP		
Glenaffaric	4/2	4/4
Franken	24/2	15/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Regensburg	12/3	16/4
Denbighshire	4/3	29/4
Glenshiel	18/3	4/5
Duisburg	28/3	10/5
Serooskerk	20/3	13/5
From GLASGOW		
Hector	11/2	31/3
Menestheus	25/2	13/4
Agamemnon	25/3	14/5
From LIVERPOOL		
Menestheus	4/3	13/4
Teiresias	25/2	14/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4
Aeneas	13/3	1/5
Pyrraus	25/3	9/5
From LONDON		
Chitral	24/2	2/4
Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Carthage	10/3	16/4
Rajputana	24/3	16/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4

From LONDON		
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4
Denbighshire	18/3	29/4
From MARSEILLES		
Mar. Joffre	3/3	31/3
J. Laborde	17/3	14/4
Hakusan M.	24/3	24/4
Aeneas	25/3	1/5
From TRIESTE		
C. Verdi	8/3	2/4
Arabia	20/2	20/4
Himalaya	20/3	9/5
From PORT SAID		
Franken	12/3	15/4
From SUEZ		
Glenapp	16/3	16/4
Nordmark	28/3	22/4
Bellerophon	28/3	28/4
From DJIBOUTI		
J. Laborde	25/3	14/4
From ADEN		
Carthage	25/3	16/4
From BOMBAY		
Bangalore	28/3	17/4
From COLOMBO		
Terukuni M.	25/3	7/4
Titania	26/3	13/4
Kulmerland	27/3	14/4
Abbekerk	26/3	15/4
From SINGAPORE		
Chitral	24/3	2/4
C. Verde	27/3	2/4
Glenaffaric	23/3	4/4
From SOERABAIA		
Tjisaroea	13/3	1/4
Tjisadane	17/3	1/4
From MANILA		
Mar. Maersk	24/3	1/4
Cingal. Prince	25/3	2/4
Kina	23/3	7/4
From SAIGON		
Mar. Joffre	24/3	31/3
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		
Eurybates	27/1	29/3
Cingal. Prince	11/2	2/4
Irisbank	7/2	2/4
C. Athens	18/2	19/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Agapenor	27/2	25/4
Foylebank	6/3	27/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
Silversandal	23/3	7/5
Laura Maersk	25/3	10/5
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5
Dardanus	27/3	19/5
From SAVANNAH		
Niel Maersk	15/3	27/4
Silversandal	26/3	7/5
From SANTOS		
Atlas M.	13/2	10/4
From VANCOUVER		
E. of Canada	18/3	4/4
From LOS ANGELES		
P. Coolidge	6/3	31/3
Silverteak	10/3	11/4
Asama M.	14/3	12/4
Ivaran	20/3	19/4
Tatuta M.	27/3	29/4

From SAN FRANCISCO		
Irisbank	3/3	2/4
Silverteak	16/3	11/4
Malay Prince	28/3	24/4
Agapenor	26/3	25/4
From HONOLULU		
Emp. Canada	23/3	4/4
Asama M.	22/3	12/4
From HONGKONG		
See "China Ports" below.		
From YOKOHAMA		
Antenor	24/3	31/3
Neumark	26/3	1/4
Husimi M.	26/3	4/4
Arendskerk	28/3	6/4
From KOBE		
Chenonceaux	28/3	30/3
Antenor	28/3	31/3
P. Coolidge	26/3	31/3
From NAGASAKI		
Shanghai M.	30/3	31/3
From KEELUNG (Formosa)		
Tyosa M.	30/3	2/4

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN		
Tegelberg	15/3	22/4
From DURBAN		
Atlas M.	14/3	10/4
Tegelberg	21/3	22/4

From MELBOURNE		
Nellore	4/3	10/4
From SYDNEY		
Sydney M.	17/3	5/4
From BRISBANE		
Nellore	17/3	10/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Tsingtao M.	29/3	31/3
From TIENTSIN		
Chengtu	25/3	29/3
Liangchow	27/3	1/4
Kanchow	29/3	3/4
Taksang	30/3	5/4
Tingsang	1/4	4/4
From HONGKONG		
Eurybates	20/3	29/3
Wingsang	26/3	30/3

From HONGKONG		
Ramses	26/3	31/3
Protesilaus	26/3	31/3
Hector	27/3	31/3
Tjisadane	27/3	1/4
Mar. Maersk	27/3	1/4
Tjisaroea	25/3	1/4
Taiyuan	28/3	2/4
Suiyang	29/3	2/4
Chaksang	29/3	2/4
Soochow	31/3	4/4
Kwaisang	31/3	4/4
Szechuen	4/4	8/4

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Fausang, March 27, from **Hongkong and Ports:** Mrs. N. Fleisher, Miss Fleisher, Mr. F. Moss, Mr. A. R. Madar, Rev. S. K. Mondel, Mr. L. Mouralis, Mr. Pfeifer, Mr. Vernaudon, Mrs. House, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. E. Kendrew, Mr. W. Harper, Miss H. Hlobo-shine, Mr. J. Muckle, Mr. E. Polverine, Mr. & Mrs. Haimovich, Mr. Glaiser, Mr. & Mrs. Beney and Family.

Per Mingsang, March 27, from **Tientsin and Ports:** Mr. Hirschberg, Mr. Voigt,

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

DAHPU Mar. 28. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Tuesday, March 28, at 3.30 p.m. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 28-3

FAUSANG Mar. 28. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 28, at 3.15 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 28-3

NANNING Mar. 30. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Thursday, March 30, at 6.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 29-3

TAISEUNHONG Mar. 31. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, March 31, at 7 a.m. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 30-3

HECTOR Apr. 1. TAKU.—First Class Passenger Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020, 21 French Bund. 1-4

SHENGKING Apr. 1. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, April 1, at noon. Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 1-4

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

WINGSANG Apr. 1. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, April 1, at 9 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 1-4

CHAKSANG Apr. 4. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, April 4, at 11 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 4-4

KWAISANG Apr. 6. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, April 6. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290 6-4

SOUTH CHINA COAST

SZECHUEN Mar. 28. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 28, at 3.30 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-3

MINGSANG Mar. 29. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 28-3

TJISALAK Mar. 29. AMOY, HONGKONG and JAVA PORTS.—The J.C.J.L. s.s. Tjisalak sails from Shanghai on Wednesday, March 29, taking cargo to Hongkong and Java Ports. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European and Australian Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 28-3

TSINAN Mar. 29. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, March 29, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-3

HSIN PEKING Mar. 30. NINGPO.—From French Bund on Thursday, March 30, at 4.30 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-3

KAYING Apr. 1. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, April 1, at 8 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 31-3

TAKSANG Apr. 6. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, April 6, at noon. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 6-4

TINGSANG Apr. 6. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, April 6. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 6-4

JAPAN

PHILOCTETES Mar. 28. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 28-3

STRAITS AND EUROPE

CANTON Mar. 28. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28. Hand packages on accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, March 27 Customs Permit required for any nailed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 28-3

POTSDAM Mar 29. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN, HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 29-3

CHENONCEAUX Mar. 31. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 French Bund. Tel. 82034. 31-3

MALAYA Apr. 1. (loading on Mar. 31.) FOR PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, CASABLANCA, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG, SAIGON, KOHSICHANG and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Malaya, Captain Chr. Nielsen, will be despatched from here on or about April 1, for the abovementioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. Ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 1-4

ANTENOR Apr. 2. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW.—For freight apply Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 2-4

ARENDSKERK Apr. 5. (Loading on Apr. 4.) ADEN, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID, GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN.—The Holland East Asia Line s.s. Arendskerk sails from Shanghai on April 5. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., General Agents, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 5-4

CONTE VERDE Apr. 5. VENICE and TRIESTE via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, PORT SAID and BRINDISI — Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16885. 5-4

MARBURG Apr. 5. ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BELAWAN, COLOMBO.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 5-4

GLENBEG Apr. 8. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 8-4

CORFU Apr. 11. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN ADEN PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—For freight and passage apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. 11-4

TALLEYRAND Apr. 14. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—Motor vessel Talleyrand of the Wilhelmsen lines will be despatched from Shanghai on or about April 15, for the abovementioned ports. Through Bills of Lading issued for all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. For freight or passage please apply to Dodwell and Campany, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 14-4

SHANTUNG Apr. 25. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, COPENHAGEN, OSLO and GOTHENBURG via HONGKONG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Shantung will leave Shanghai on or about April 25, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to The Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 25-4

AMERICA

MARCHEN MAERSK Apr. 1. Via JAPAN for LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK.—For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents, Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 1-4

AUSTRALASIA

NANKIN Apr. 1. (From Hongkong) SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 1-4

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Yangtse	Fr.	M.M.
Wusueh	Br.	B.&S.
Kamakura M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
H.M.S. Gnat	Br.	—
Talabot	Nor.	Dodwell
Shanghai M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Meinan	Am.	S.V.OC.
Burgenland	Ger.	H.-A.L.
B. Colleoni	Ital.	—
Kaiping	Br.	K.M.A.
Yochow	Br.	B.&S.
Tembien	Ital.	C.I.N.
Wilford	Nor.	K.M.A.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Bee	Br.	Gbt.	H.Y.
Dorsetshire	Br.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Peterel	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Scorpion	Br.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Tern	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Isabel	Am.	Slp.	B.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Lepanto	Iti.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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KAMAKURA MARU .... Apr. 1
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Orient-Seattle Line
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From Kobe
HIKAWA MARU .... Mar. 29

Orient-New York Line
via Los Angeles and Panama
NAGARA MARU .... Apr. 10
NOZIMA MARU .... Apr. 27

Japan-Australia Line
via Hongkong and Manila
From Hongkong
ATUTA MARU ..... Mar. 25

European Mail Line
London, Hamburg and Marseilles via Hongkong, Straits, Ceylon and Aden
øHUSIMI MARU ..... Apr. 4
HAKOZAKI MARU .. Apr. 18
(øCalls at Casablanca)

Kobe Express Service
TAIYO MARU ..... Apr. 11
TAIYO MARU ..... Apr. 21

Nagasaki Express Service
NAGASAKI MARU .. Mar. 29
SHANGHAI MARU .. Apr. 1
NAGASAKI MARU .. Apr. 3
SHANGHAI MARU .. Apr. 6

Shanghai-Yokohama.
*SUWA MARU ..... Mar. 29
TERUKUNI MARU . Apr. 8
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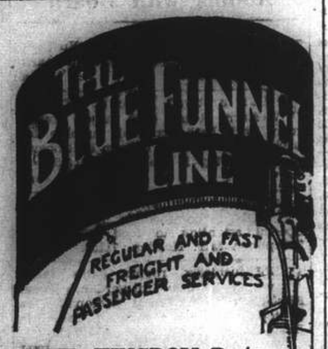

Sailings to EUROPE and UNITED KINGDOM Ports

A	ANTENOR	Apr. 2	M'lles, London	R'dam H'burg and Glasgow
C	AJAX	Apr. 15	M'lles, Casablanca, London,	R'dam, H'burg & Gl'gow
C	TANTALUS	Apr. 18	Havre, Liverpool and Bromborough	
A	HECTOR	Apr. 29	M'lles, London,	Rotterdam and Glasgow
C	AGAPENOR	May 4	Liverpool, Bromborough and Glasgow	

A monthly service is also maintained from Hongkong and Japan to Pacific Coast

Vessels due and Sailings to Japan, North China, etc.

		From	Due	Sails	For
C	EURYBATES	New York	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Japan Ports
C	IXION	Pacific Coast	Mar. 26	Mar. 30	Hongkong
C	PHILOCTETES	Liverpool	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Japan Ports
A	HECTOR	Liverpool	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Taku
C	PROTESILAUS	Gdynia	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Taku, Dairen and Japan
C	TEIRESIAS	Liverpool	Apr. 14	Apr. 15	Japan
B	MENESTHEUS	Liverpool	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Japan
B	DIOMED	Liverpool	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Japan Ports

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Steamers	Leaves Hongkong	Leaves Manila	Due Sydney
CHANGTE	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	May 7
TAIPING	May 19	May 22	June 7
CHANGTE	June 16	June 19	July 5
TAIPING	July 18	July 21	Aug. 6

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	Arrival.	Departure.
ss DAIREN MARU	Mar. 28	Mar. 29 at 11 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Mar. 31	Apr. 1 at 11 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Apr. 4	Apr. 5 at 11 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Apr. 7	Apr. 8 at 11 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Apr. 11	Apr. 12 at 11 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Apr. 14	Apr. 15 at 11 a.m.

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ss. HAKKA MARU ..... Mar. 31
ss. KOGA MARU ..... Apr. 4

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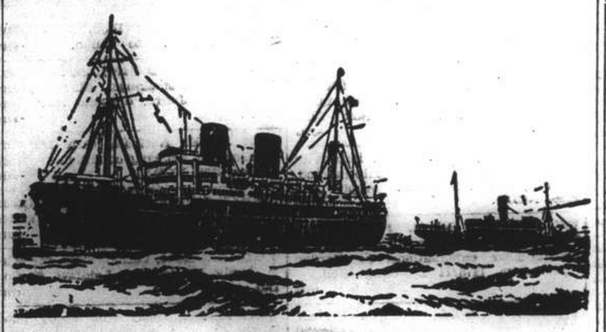

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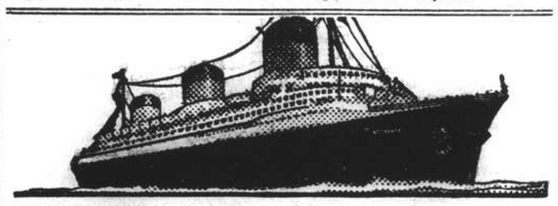

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Yugoslav Opposition Groups Rally to Croat Leader

Paris Watching German Encroachment Into Italian Sphere of Influence in Belgrade

Belgrade, Mar. 27.

FOLLOWING an important conference here yesterday with M. Wladimir Machek, leader of the Croat Opposition, the Yugoslav National Party and the Associated Serbian Opposition, the two Yugoslavian opposition groups, gave him full powers to act on their behalf in the forthcoming negotiations between the Government and M. Machek's party. A full agreement was reached that the negotiations are to bear solely upon the procedure to be followed in preparing a settlement of the Croat question.—Havas.

Paris, Mar. 27.

Political and diplomatic quarters here devote considerable comment to the departure for Berlin of a group of deputies representing the German minority in Yugoslavia, including Dr. Grosse, Fuehrer of the Germans in that country. The voyage is connected with the German commercial offers to Belgrade to organize the Yugoslav market as part of Germany's "vital space." Political quarters point out that such a policy would be completely contrary to Italian interests.

When the axis was constituted in October, 1936, in Berchtesgaden and reaffirmed the following year when Il Duce made his trip to Germany, the plan of collaboration included a distribution of zones of influence in Danubian Europe. Czechoslovakia and Austria were attributed to the Reich, but Rumania and Yugoslavia were Italy's lot, with Hungary placed under a mixed regime. Austria and Czechoslovakia have since become a German province and a protectorate. Rumania was compelled to sign a trade treaty with the Reich which gave the latter advantages of such a considerable nature that Italy is constrained to purchase her oil in Soviet Russia and pay for this in kind by constructing warships for Moscow, an enemy of the anti-Comintern triangle.

Il Duce's Hint to Fuehrer

Now, the German drive has extended to Yugoslavia. Il Duce's reference to the Adriatic in his speech in Rome yesterday is very clear; up till 1939 Italy considered Yugoslavia as a redoubtable neighbour whose coasts offered an admirable natural shelter for a fleet, while Italy's coasts offered no natural defence. The agreement between Yugoslavia and Italy eliminated this danger but the German penetration brings it out once again.

It was rumoured recently that Italy intended to occupy Albania. The rumours were not confirmed, but it is believed that Rome will react if the Reich were to gain advantages in Yugoslavia superior to those which the entente between Rome and Berlin grants.

French political circles point out that the problem is of direct interest to France as it shows that Italy's concern regarding the Mediterranean goes beyond the framework of Franco-Italian relations.—Havas.

New U.S. Neutrality Act To Hurt China

Chungking Does Not Consider Proposal Favourable

Chungking, Mar. 27.

While desiring a revision of the United States Neutrality Act, Chinese circles here consider that Senator Pittman's new proposal shows "very little improvement, if any, on the old Act."

The English-language daily, the "Hankow Herald," which reflects Chinese Government opinion, in a leading article this morning, writes as follows concerning Senator Pittman's proposal:—

Being applicable to undeclared wars, the Bill will be applied to the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The retention of the cash and carry clause, while intended to facilitate the purchase of American munitions and materials by Britain and France in the event of a general war breaking out in Europe, will work to a great advantage for Japan in the present conflict, because Japan possesses a powerful navy and a large merchant fleet and thus will be able to buy whatever she needs from the United States, while China, having no ships of her own, will not be able to buy the necessary munitions and materials, even if she has enough cash.

The provision giving President Roosevelt power, by proclamation, to make it unlawful except under such limitations and exceptions as he may prescribe, for citizens and vessels of the United States to proceed through any areas, defined from time to time by him as areas of combat and operations, and so specified in a proclamation, may be invoked to bring about the withdrawal of American gunboats and cruisers from the Far East. Such a step, if actually taken, will have the appearance of giving Japan a free hand in aggression against China.

The provision prohibiting belligerents from floating bonds and securing loans in the United States will have an adverse effect on China's financial strength in her resistance against Japanese invasion.

In conclusion, the "Hankow Herald" hopes that the American Congress, while considering the new Bill will not lose sight of two essential points; firstly, attention should not be confined to Europe alone, in enacting any neutrality legislation; secondly, clear distinction must be drawn between aggressors and victims of aggression.

"No neutrality act can help to promote true international peace and justice unless it fulfills these two requirements," the journal concludes.—Reuter.

German Invasion of Czechia Detailed

"Wehrmacht" Shows How Seven Army Corps Came

Berlin, Mar. 27.

Seven German Army corps crossed the former Czech frontier on March 15 for occupation of Bohemia and Moravia, it is revealed by Lt.-Col. von Wedel who gives in the current edition of "Die Wehrmacht" an interesting account of the military operations which culminated in the incorporation of these provinces into the German Reich.

German troops, the author says, marched into Czechia from all sides. They were drawn from Silesia, Saxony, northern Bavaria and former Austria.

Twelve hours before the German units had crossed the frontier, detachments of the Silesian army corps and of the Adolf Hitler lifeguards had occupied the important industrial towns of Vitkovitz and Maehrisch-Ostrau situated in that part of Czechia adjoining Poland. German troops which entered Bohemia were drawn from Nuremberg and Berlin while those which occupied Moravia came from the garrisons in Vienna and Salzburg.—Trans-Ocean.

Eupen-Malmedy People Favour Nazi Outlook

Church-goers Protest at Pastoral Letter Attack

Brussels, Mar. 27.

Demonstrations of protest occurred in several Roman-Catholic Churches yesterday after the reading of a pastoral letter containing attacks on the National Social Socialist ideology. The letter was written by Bishop Kerkhof of Louvain.

In Malmedy, members of the congregation of one church rose from their seats and walked out. Similar scenes occurred at Valhem near Eupen and at St. Vith while in Eupen a large number of church-goers assembled outside the church and gave voice to their indignation.—Trans-Ocean.

CONSIDERABLE consternation was to be witnessed among the rickshaw coolies passing the corner of Kiukiang and Kiangse Roads early yesterday afternoon. Many were to be seen either desperately pulling their vehicles to an abrupt halt or suddenly dashing across the intersections as if the largest Sikh in Shanghai were just behind them. Reason—One very small Chinese boy standing in a door-way nearby with a whistle concealed in his hand. His resounding blasts would do justice to the strongest pair of lungs on the Police Force.

Moscow Organ Attacks Paris and London

"Pravda" Says Il Duce's Speech Gives Answer

Moscow, Mar. 27.

The organ of the Communist Party, "Pravda," today flayed the groups in London and Paris which turned down the move for collective action against the Totalitarian States in commenting on the speech made yesterday in Rome by Signor Benito Mussolini.

"Musolini's speech was an eloquent answer to those helpers of aggressors in London and Paris who have shed a few crocodile tears over the fate of Czechoslovakia and have already retreated and started assuring themselves that there is no need to hasten any collective action against aggressors," the "Pravda" said.

"Apparently," the "Pravda" continued," the hope again has been born in the hearts of these followers of the Munich policy that Fascist aggressors will turn eastward and avoid London and Paris. Mussolini's speech shows the nearsightedness of this policy and the improvidence of such expectations."—United Press.

Chinese Bonds Rise In London

Resumption of Parleys Has Good Effect

London, Mar. 27.

Upon the announcement of resumption of negotiations regarding the restoration of the service on certain Chinese loans, Chinese bonds on the Stock Exchange here rose several points.

Among the bonds which revealed firmness were the 5 per cent. 1912 which was quoted at 38 as against 36 yesterday, and the 5 per cent. 1913 which rose one point.—Havas.

Boeing No. 19 Clipper Off for Hongkong

Manila, Mar. 27.

The 74-passenger Boeing No. 19 Clipper hopped off for Hongkong today with 45 persons on board. Of the 45 persons, fifteen are members of the crew. Twenty of the thirty passengers are members of the Singapore Chinese football team which last night completed the visit to Manila by defeating the All-Manila selection, two goals to nothing.

Pan American Airways, owners of the gigantic Clipper, believed the thirty passengers to constitute the largest passenger load ever carried by a commercial plane on a regular route.

The passengers had the distinction of inaugurating passenger service aboard the new 74-passenger Boeing Clippers. The Boeing No. 19 is destined to be the first 74-passenger Clipper on the Oriental route to carry passengers between the Orient and the United States. Booking has already opened both here and in Hongkong for passengers who desire to travel by the Boeing No. 19 on its return trip to San Francisco. The Boeing No. 19 is a sister-ship of the huge four-engined airliner which recently successfully completed a test flight to the Orient and return to San Francisco, breaking several speed records during the flight.—United Press.

Concession Awards For S.M.C. Heads

Mr. Fessenden, Maj. Bourne Major Ford, Captain Reed To be Given Medals

At its meeting of March 21, the French Municipal Council unanimously endorsed the suggestions that four high Settlement officials be awarded gold and silver medals in recognition of their outstanding services during the past eighteen months, according to information yesterday.

Mr. Sterling Fessenden, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Maj. K. M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police, were awarded Gold Medals of the French Concession, whilst Maj. J. T. Ford a Treasurer and Controller of the Council and Capt. H. G. Reed, Chief officer of the Fire Department will be given the Concession's silver medal.

M. Baudez, French Consul-General and President of the French Municipal Council, proposed the awards for Mr. Fessenden, Major Ford and Captain Reed, whilst the award for Major Bourne was made upon the proposal of Comdt. Fabre, commissioner of the Concession Police.

The outstanding services rendered by these four high officials, during the past 18 months were mentioned in the citations.

Move to Muzzle French Press Resented

"Le Jour" Denounces Proposed Measure

Paris, Mar. 27.

A decree drawn up by the French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, and which is designed to control the press, comes in for sharp criticism today from the Rightist organ, "Le Jour."

The paper states that the proposed decree consists of only five lines. While originally it had been intended that the decree should only prohibit attacks on the heads of foreign states and protect national defence secrets, the draft which was to be placed before the Council of Ministers this morning defined the following offences:

"Any press campaign directed against any form of organization; any press campaign relating to racial, confessional and in particular Jewish questions; and, finally, any press campaign which bears the stamp of foreign inspiration" is prohibited.

"Le Jour" declares that the decree in this form would mean the end of freedom of conscience and exhorts the Premier to discard the measure.—Trans-Ocean.

German Jews Forced To Return to Reich

Southampton, Mar. 27.

Twenty-five German Jews, who left their country several months ago for South America only to find that they were not allowed to land, passed through this port today on their way back to Germany. They left the Reich with a regular visa issued by the Uruguayan Consulate, but in Montevideo they were prohibited from landing. No South American country would take them in. They are returning to the Reich in the German steamer Cap Arcona, heading for Boulogne and Hamburg, to come once more under the regime from which they had sought to flee.—Havas.

Hongkong Plane Disappears

Hongkong, Mar. 27.

A plane belonging to the Far Eastern Aviation Company, which went up from Kaitak this afternoon for a short flight, has disappeared. It is still missing.

The plane, a Hornet-Moth machine, was piloted by a Chinese student, who left the airport at 3.13 p.m. flying solo.—Reuter.

THE 76-year-old head of the General Medical Council, which 6,000 doctors want to reform, is Sir Norman Walker, a grave-faced, clean-shaven Scot, who has an international reputation as a skin specialist. When he presides over the Court for accused doctors, he can be as severe as the late Mr. Justice Avory. Once a defendant thanked him for the fairness with which he had been heard. "We don't want any bouquets, thank you," was the gruff reply. Sir Norman was born in Fife, and has spent all his life in Scotland and the North of England. His father, Dr. Norman L. Walker, was for many years editor of the magazine of the Free Church of Scotland.

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